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GRIM LAICHIKOK MURDER.

INDIAN FACES CAPITAL CHARGE.

DREADFUL CRIME IN DRUNKEN ENMITY ALLEGED.

CASE FOR THE CROWN.

That drunken friendliness had changed to drunken enmity, culminating in the murder of Jeta Singh, an Indian watchman of the Standard Oil Company's installation, at Laichikok, was the theory advanced by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, who prosecuted Sandogar Singh, another watchman, on the capital charge before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Whyte-Smith conducted the case on behalf of the Crown, the defendant being unrepresented.

In putting forward the case for the Crown, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the accused and the deceased man were both watchmen employed by the Standard Oil Company at their installation at Laichikok. The Company employed eleven watchmen, all of whom were Sikhs, and resided together in quarters adjoining the tank yard.

Duties Explained.

Of these, one man was employed at night at the offices of the Standard Oil Company in Hongkong and returned to Laichikok each day. The remainder were detailed for duty at the installation. Four went on duty at 6 a.m. and were relieved at noon. They then went on again at 6 p.m. The men need not necessarily be together during their duty. One man was always on duty at the gate, while the others patrolled the premises.

On Saturday, February 18th, both the defendant and the accused came off duty with two others at 6 a.m. and the four went back to their quarters and had their tea, before retiring. At 10.30, the deceased and the accused got up and had their meal. Between them, the two men had disposed of a bottle of gin. At mid-day they returned to duty again.

There was no evidence, said Mr. Whyte-Smith, as to whether they had any more drink, but the No. 1 watchman would tell the Court that both men were relieved at 6 p.m. and were the worse for drink. At about 6.20 p.m., the deceased and the accused were seen running from the direction of their quarters to the bus terminus, where there are a number of tea stalls and hawkers' stalls.

Chased the Deceased.

The accused was in uniform, while the deceased was dressed in plain clothes, wearing a black and white striped shirt. At about 6.30 p.m. the master of one of the stalls saw the two men running in the opposite direction, that was from east to west. He would tell the Court that he knew both the men and recognised them as the deceased and the accused. He would say that the accused was running behind the deceased.

The man in front was rather small and he saw Sandogar Singh make a grab at the other man. They then disappeared out of sight.

About an hour later, another shopkeeper was just about to close the doors of his stall when he saw the two men, both of whom he knew, running from west to east. This time the accused was in front, with the deceased following behind.

It looked as if they were chasing one another backwards and forwards along the vacant space in front of the stalls, added Mr. Whyte-Smith.

Worse For Drink.

This was about 7.30 p.m. and just after this incident, the deceased retired to his quarters alone. He was evidently the worse for drink. There would be evidence to the effect that at 9 p.m. he laid down on his bed and at 9.30, he got up. After putting his blanket around him, he went out. It seemed a little strange, said Mr. Whyte-Smith, to dress like that but that was customary with these Indian watchmen and there would be evidence to show that

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CANTON'S WARM WELCOME.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI MAKES OFFICIAL LANDING.

THOUSANDS GATHER.

(Our Special Correspondent.)
Canton, Mar. 9.

His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), accompanied by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary), Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., and Captain B. R. Forster, Private Secretary, arrived here this morning aboard the gunboats Tarantula and Cicala.

His Excellency made his official landing at 10.30 a.m., in fine weather, thousands of Chinese assembling in the vicinity of the Government pier.

Amid scenes of marked enthusiasm, Marshal Li Chai-sum introduced Sir Cecil Clementi to the numerous military and naval officers and Government officials on the pier.

His Excellency then inspected the Guard of Honour drawn up opposite the pier, whilst the gunboat Po Pik fired a salute.

The streets were gaily decorated for the occasion with signs of welcome to Hongkong's Governor, whilst the British flag and the Chinese Nationalist flag were everywhere to be seen in evidence.

Lady Clementi, accompanied by Captain Perfect, one of His Excellency's A.D.C.'s, arrived at Canton yesterday afternoon, together with the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, having travelled up by the s.s. Kinshan.

On arrival, the party was given a very cordial welcome, being met at the wharf by Mr. Li Man-yan, the Chief of the Revenue Bureau, and Mrs. Li, and by General Chang Hwai-cheung, Chief of the Aviation Bureau, and Mrs. Chang. On disembarking, they entered motor cars and were driven to Shameen.

HOLY WAR FEARS ON DECREASE.

IBN SAUD REPORTED TO BE GOING TO MECCA.

REASSURING NEWS.

London, Mar. 8.

News has been received in London that Ibn Saud, the King of the Hedjaz, is shortly leaving for Mecca, and well-informed circles express the opinion that if this is true, it may be taken as indicating that the situation in Arabia is much easier and is clearing up.

It is not thought that Ibn Saud would leave his capital, Riadh, in the centre of Arabia, if he thought the situation to be threatening.

Jerusalem, Mar. 8.

The Secretariat of the Palestine Government announces that all rumours from Basra and Jerusalem of a declaration of a Holy War by Ibn Saud against the Moslems of Irak and Trans-jordania still lack confirmation.—*Reuter.*

TO BOMB PRESIDENT FROM AIR.

GERMAN ARRESTED ON MEXICAN PLOT CHARGE.

Mexico City, Mar. 8.

The Mexican Police have arrested a man named Max Holung, said to be a German Army bomb expert.

He was taken into custody on suspicion of being implicated in the plot to assassinate President Calles and General Obregon, which the Police say they revealed in a raid on a Catholic priest's house.

According to the newspaper *El Sol*, it was planned to bomb the presidential residence from the air, and also to blow up the trains on which President Calles or General Obregon were travelling.

Both Holung and the priest, who was also arrested, declare that they are ignorant of the plot.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT.

We understand that two Chinese from Canton arrested by the Hongkong Police are making application at the Supreme Court this afternoon through their solicitors for release on a *habeas corpus* writ.

HEATED SCENES IN ASSEMBLY.

RIDICULOUS SLANDER ON BRITAIN.

INDIAN MEMBER TALKS OF LOOT IN CHINA.

BRITISH BONA FIDES.

New Delhi, Mar. 8.

Heated scenes occurred in the Assembly during the debate on the Indian Army question.

Mr. Motilal Nehru asked whether the savings on the Indian troops in China came out of their pay, or whether it consisted of loot.

Cries of "Withdraw" and demands that the speaker should substantiate "such a foul slander" were immediately raised on the official benches, and for a time there was uproar.

Nehru declined to withdraw his absurd accusation, but went on to assert that Indian troops were used against their will to humiliate the nationals of another country.

Moslem "Loses Faith" in Britain.

The Moslem leader, Mr. Jinnah, speaking as a member of the Skeen Committee which conducted an inquiry into the Indianisation of the Army made a strong protest, declaring that the Government had virtually turned down the Committee's unanimous recommendations.

Mr. Jinnah said he was now convinced that the British Government intended to hinder India in her aim of possessing a national Army. General Birdwood's statement, he declared, had completely destroyed his faith in the *bona fides* of the Government.

The New Plans.

Field Marshal Birdwood had previously announced the details of the Government's scheme for Indianising the army. Instead of ten there will be twenty vacancies reserved at Sandhurst, plus five or ten allotted to the Viceroy's commissioned Indian officers. There will be also vacancies at Woolwich and Cranwell for Indians.

The rate of further Indianisation will depend on the Indians themselves.

Field Marshal Birdwood pointed out that the army in India, far from being a drain on the country, was a source of revenue. The army spent 77 per cent. of its gross expenditure in India, while the military training was building the physique, intelligence and citizenhood of the Indian soldier.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH DOMINIONS' NEUTRALITY.

EACH PART OF EMPIRE MASTER OF OWN DESTINY.

Cape Town, March 8.

The right of a British Dominion to remain neutral in the event of Britain being involved in war was dealt with by Mr. Hertzog in a speech in the Assembly, when moving the ratification of the Imperial Conference resolution.

He declared that each State of the Empire was now master of its own destiny, and the sole judge of the extent of its co-operation within the Empire. Consequently, both by law and equity, the Dominion's right of neutrality could not be rejected nor was there any higher central authority.—*Reuter.*

General Smuts' Friendship.

General Smuts, in reply, urged very gravely that it was most important to avoid all occasions where the question of neutrality could possibly be raised.

He wanted their relations with the Government of Great Britain to be so close and friendly that they would never even raise the question, which should be regarded as purely academic and one for the future.—*Reuter.*

COTTON CRISIS IN INDIA.

A DEPRESSION SIMILAR TO LANCASHIRE.

DISMAYING SITUATION.

Bombay, Mar. 8.

Speaking at a dinner given in honour of Sir Leslie Wilson, the Governor of Bombay, by the Mill-owners' Association, Mr. Mody, the chairman of the Association, said that the cotton industry was again faced with serious difficulties.

They had lost all hope of attaining normal trading conditions until they were protected in the Home markets against unfair competition and the export trade assisted as was done similarly in other industries of a national character in other countries.

Stocks in the mills were continually accumulating, and more spindles and looms were stopping. The prices obtained by the manufacturers was becoming increasingly unremunerative.

The situation, he declared, was enough to dismay the stoutest optimist and he hoped the Government of India would see its way to do something more than watch developments.

Sir Leslie Wilson in reply, deplored the depression, which he said was due to economic causes outside the control of the Government, or of the Association of which he was the guest.—*Reuter.*

SAMOAN AMNESTY IS GOOD SIGN.

ILLEGAL NATIVE POLICE SET FREE.

Wellington, Mar. 8.

The sentences of six months' imprisonment on 400 members of the illegal Mau police forces who were arrested on intimidation charges, have been suspended, and the prisoners ordered to return to their villages and to co-operate with the loyal natives.

Major-General Sir George Richardson, the Administrator, has issued a statement recognising that the natives have been misled by the Europeans. He was therefore disinclined to continue the imprisonment of the appointed policemen, but insists that henceforth they must obey the law.

Some of the natives belonging to the Mau have paid their overdue taxes.—*Reuter.*

NANKING OUTRAGES RECALLED.

SPECIAL COURT TO HOLD ENQUIRY.

Shanghai, March 9.

It was decided at the regular meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang that General Pei Men-hwei and Mr. Pei Yuan-min be appointed to attend the Special Court created by the Nanking Government to enquire into matters pertaining to the Nanking anti-foreign outrage of last year.

Mr. Hwang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, is reported to have arrived here by train from Nanking last night. It is stated that his mission to Shanghai is to arrange an appointment with Sir Miles Lampson before the latter's departure for Peking.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

ROYAL VISIT TO EGYPT.

PRINCESS MARY LEAVES LONDON.

London, Mar. 8.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, accompanied by Lord and Lady Boyn have left for Egypt on a holiday.—*Reuter.*

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, on their holiday in Cairo, will be the guests of Lord Lloyd, the British High Commissioner, and Lady Lloyd, for about a month. They are travelling via Folkstone, Bologne and Marseilles, where they will embark on the P. and O. liner Ranchi for Port Said.—*British Wireless.*

SERIOUS EGYPTIAN AGITATION.

RIOTS IN CAIRO, ASSIUT AND TANTAH.

U. S. PROTEST AFTER ATTACK ON AMERICAN COLLEGE.

SARWAT'S REGRETS.

Cairo, March 8.

Except for a few students who have been parading the streets in motor-cars, making a lot of noise and shouting "Live for Liberty," the afternoon and evening passed without untoward incident.

The Secretary-General to the Council of Ministers has issued, in French and Arabic, the text of the proposed treaty between Britain and Egypt, and the documents contained in the British White Paper.

Most Important Letter.

The documents include the most important letter from Sarwat Pasha to Sir Austen Chamberlain, dated March 5th, in which Sarwat, after regretting the failure of the negotiations, expresses his conviction that the efforts employed on both sides has at least prepared the way to the conclusion of an Entente which is the dearest wish of the two countries.

The demonstrations this morning were mainly directed against the Police. The crowd caught a plain-clothes officer near the Wafd headquarters and severely belaboured him.

Several of the ringleaders have been arrested.

American Representations.

Students of the Sheikh School at Assiut struck yesterday, and endeavoured to bring out students of the American College, which was attacked. They smashed the gates, tore up trees and smashed the windows with stones. The principal and staff defended the building. Efforts to terrorise the students into striking failed. The principal was slightly hurt.

It is understood that the United States Charge D'Affaires is making representations to the Egyptian Government with regard to the students' demonstration against the American College.—*Reuter.*

New U.S. Minister.

Washington, Mar. 8.

Mr. Franklin Mott Gunther, Chief of the Division for Mexican Affairs at the State Department, has been appointed United States Minister to Egypt, replacing Mr. Morton Howells, who has resigned.

The State Department officials questioned to-day said that the view taken with regard to the Anglo-Egyptian crisis should not affect the relations between America and Egypt, and explained that whatever happened, the American Government recognised the Government of Egypt.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Cairo, Mar. 8.

The riots in the morning first developed seriously when fifteen-hundred students of industrial schools, who were striking, came into sharp collision with, and stoned, the police outside the Wafd headquarters. The police, wearing steel helmets and carrying shields and heavy sticks, charged and scattered the rioters, three of whom were severely and 25 slightly injured.

Eight policemen were injured.

The Wafd servants used a hose against the demonstrators.

The Wafd headquarters presented a very striking spectacle, with students packed like sardines within the gates and police outside, without authority to enter, while the boys hurled stones from the verandah. The wounded were carried into the Wafd headquarters, which is in Madame Zaglul's house. The ambulance corps were summoned to attend them.

The Wafd leader, Nahas Pasha, arrived, and urged the demonstrators to return to their homes. By 1.30 in the afternoon only a hundred remained.

Brushes with the police also occurred in the streets, the police in motor cars chasing the runaways.

Striking schoolboys at Tantah demonstrated, burning three motor cars, including the car of the Egyptian Commandant, who was severely handled. There were several casualties.

The rioting in Cairo, Assiut and Tantah has hitherto been confined to the students.—*Reuter.*

UNUSUAL COURT INCIDENT.

CANNOT APPEAR ON POWER OF ATTORNEY.

CINEMA FILM DEAL.

At the Summary Court this morning Mr. J. M. Hall appeared for Kan Chung-mau who claimed $800 from Lam Tsz-kwong for goods sold.

When the case was called Mr. L. E. Haynes said he was representing the defendant under a power of attorney in his absence from the Colony.

Mr. Justice Wood:—You cannot.

Mr. Haynes.—Under a power of attorney, my Lord.

Mr. Justice Wood:—How can you?

Mr. Haynes:—He is absent from the Colony and has given me a power of attorney.

His Lordship ordered the defendant to be called and when he did not appear, Mr. Hall asked if he might prove the case after the Friday list had been gone through.

Mr. Justice Wood:—Certainly.

Mr. Haynes then left the Court.

After the cases on the list had been dispensed with, Mr. Hall put in a translation of an agreement between the plaintiff and the defendant which showed that the latter bought two sets of Chinese moving pictures, "Triangular in Love," and "How is it." He agreed to pay $750 for the pictures, paying $150 and promised the remainder in three instalments. He was still owing $300. In the agreement defendant undertook to show "How is it" at the Mongkok Theatre during the twelfth moon for one term, free of charge.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff.

ABSURD RUMOURS ON RUBBER.

CALLED A BRITISH GESTURE TO U. S. NAVY GROUP.

QUASHED IN COMMONS.

London, Mar. 8.

Suggestions are being made that the Government's recent action regarding rubber and the restriction scheme is merely another gesture to America at the expense of the British taxpayer and these suggestions, together with the rumour that the rubber shareholders would be sacrificed as a *quid pro quo* for the reduction of the American naval estimates, were mentioned to-day when members were asking supplementary questions in the House of Commons.

The matter was first brought up when a question was asked as to whether Britain, in the course of the past year, had exchanged views with the United States Government concerning the removal of the rubber negative.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTS INCLUDING ARSON.

Riga, Mar. 8.

The Soviet Military Court here has sentenced to death without the benefit of the recent amnesty, five men charged with organising counter-revolutionary acts, especially in connexion with the setting on fire of the Dubrorsky textile factory in 1926, a disaster which caused 1,600,000 roubles damage.—*Reuter.*

POONA RAILWAY FRACAS.

OFFICIALLY STATED ONLY ONE KILLED.

Bombay, March 8.

It is authoritatively stated that only one person was killed in the fracas between Pathans and Ghurkhas on the Bombay-Poona Railway at Khandala yesterday.—*Reuter.*

KEEPING ABREAST WITH TIMES.

MODERNISING BRITISH ARMY.

WAR OFFICE DETERMINED ON REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES.

ESTIMATES AGREED.

London, March 8.

The coming of the time when few soldiers will actually march any great distance to battle on foot but will be carried by air, or by motor vehicles, was contemplated by the Rt. Hon. Sir L. Worthington-Evans, in introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons.

He declared that the additional mobility and carrying power of mechanical vehicles, together with the striking force of tanks was creating a revolution in warfare.

The General Officer Commanding a series of experiments in mechanised warfare at Tidworth had reported the results were fully in accord with expectations. They had learned more from actual experiments than in years of speculation.

It was impossible to abolish horses altogether but the mobility of cavalry had increased by part of the horses' load being transferred to the lorry.

Troops in China.

Sir Worthington-Evans pointed out that the cost of the additional troops in China would come under Supplementary Estimates. He nevertheless profited by the opportunity to pay a tribute to the good work and behaviour of the troops sent to China at short notice and under exceptional conditions of service. He appealed to employers to find the men re-employment.—*Reuter.*

London, Mar. 8.

The experiments at Tidworth, said the War Minister, were carried out with mechanical artillery and the Somerset Light Infantry mounted in six-wheeled lorries.

The first problem was to settle what auxiliary units had to be associated with the tank battalion which was treated as the main assaulting force in order to enable the Commander of the force to strike his enemy with the maximum of speed and effect.

Results exceeded expectations and psychologically, the effect on training had been very marked.

Reorganisation.

It was too early yet to say anything positive about the outcome of the experiments. It might be, ultimately, that very few soldiers would actually march on their feet great distances to battle. It might be that divisional organisation with its proportions of cavalry, artillery and infantry formation will have to be changed and that other, and smaller, groups of men in various kinds of mechanical vehicles, with tanks, would be found to be the best units upon which to build a larger force.

Meanwhile they had to maintain forces which they knew to be valuable until they were satisfied something better could be substituted.

The policy being pursed was gradually to convert the existing formations which were organised without reference to mechanical vehicles into formation based upon the increased mobility and fire power given by the use of the internal combustion engine whether used in aeroplanes or in land armaments or transport.

Cavalry's Role.

Regarding cavalry, the War Minister said it must be admitted that the advent of aeroplane and tank coupled with the enormously increased power of rapid firing weapons of all natures had had a serious influence on ability of the cavalry to perform nowadays the tasks expected of them previous to the Great War.

War had changed, and would continue to change, but it would always be necessary to find the enemy and to take precautions against a surprise attack. Reconnaissance was therefore necessary. Long distance reconnaissance could, weather permitting, be done by aeroplanes, and at medium distances, aeroplanes were of great advantage.

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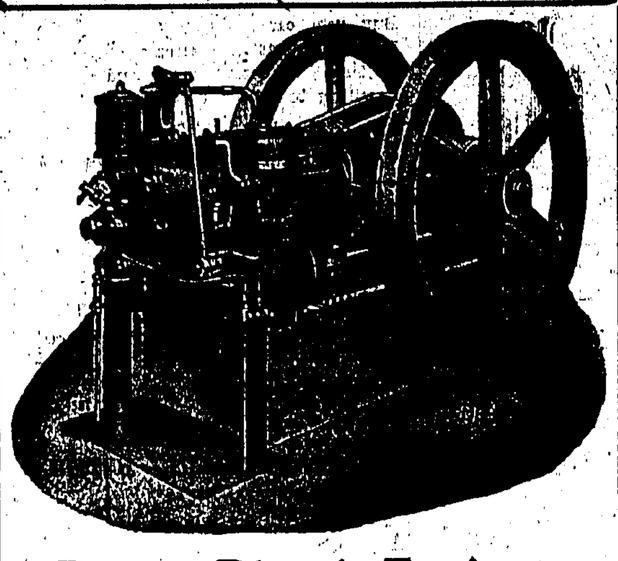

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CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY.

The activities for the past year in the Central British School were reviewed in detail by Mr. G. F. Nightingale, who presented the report at the annual distribution of prizes yesterday afternoon. The ceremony of presenting the awards to the pupils was performed by Mrs. E. Ralphs, wife of the Inspector of Schools.

Among those present were Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. B. Wylie, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, and the Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell.

The Report.

The headmaster, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, reviewed the year's work, saying, in part:

The school was opened on 194 days. The maximum enrolment was 180, 173 in 1926, the average attendance during the whole year being 130, 131 in 1926. The highest monthly average was 140 in November, the lowest 119.5 in June.

The attendance was generally good in spite of an epidemic of measles that caused many to be absent during the months of May and June, and thus lowered the average attendance of the year.

University Examinations.

The Central British School has never had better results than those obtained this year in both the Matriculation and the Local, Senior and Junior examinations of the University of Hongkong. In class I. all were successful, all winning distinction in at least one subject. Two candidates were awarded Matriculation honours, two passed the Matriculation examination, two passed the Senior Local examination, one gaining honours. They won ten distinctions and both the King Edward VII scholarship and the Government scholarship for girls, tenable at Hongkong University, the former won for the first time by C. B. S., who this year headed the list.

The results merit detailed mention of the candidates and their successes:

T. C. Payne, Matriculation Honours, King Edward VII Scholarship, (first on the list), distinction in English, Mathematics and Physics.

S. R. Whitley, Matriculation Honours, Education Scholarship at Hongkong University, the Montargis French Prize, distinction in English and History.

L. A. Easterbrook, Matriculation Pass Certificate, distinction in English.

B. J. Vickars, Matriculation Pass Certificate, distinction in English.

E. L. Haynes, Senior Local Honours, qualifying for Matriculation, distinction in English and Arithmetic.

P. Hynes, Senior Local Pass Certificate, distinction in Domestic Science.

Very Satisfactory.

In Class 2 the results of the Junior Local Examination were also very satisfactory, 13 out of 20 entered for this examination passing, that is 65%.

These results also merit detailed mention:

H. W. Brown, distinction in English.

D. A. Haynes, distinction in English.

A. Ursell, distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge.

A. C. Maycock, pass.

R. H. A. Woolley, distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge.

J. A. Black, distinction in English and Music.

B. Budden, distinction in English and Arithmetic.

E. A. Hosford, Montargis French Prize (Junior), and distinction in Arithmetic.

W. Reed, distinction in Arithmetic.

M. L. W. Bryson, pass,

D. Q. Dransfield, pass.

E. L. McCubbin, pass, and the 'J. R. M. Smith' Scholarship.

E. B. Moses, pass.

This class won 12 distinctions.

English Study.

It is very gratifying to me to be able to report the successes gained in English showing, as they do, that we are making the study of English a very important part of our work here.

We endeavour to give our boys and girls a systematic training in the use of books.

A person who is unable to make a practical use of books as sources of information is an uneducated person. A growing boy or girl must learn how to get the substance from a simple treatise. He must learn to read a history book for its historical information, a geography book for its geographical information, and so on. He must learn how to use a simple encyclopaedia, a biographical dictionary, a gazetteer, an atlas, the index of a book and a library catalogue.

It will be seen that we shall then have gone afield in the great Empire of English, into the great world of books. It is a very necessary excursion. To teach the use of books is now our aim, for during the short time we have our boys and girls we can do few things more useful than to show them how to use books as tools, as sources of information, and as the means of further study.

Present Age Danger.

Perhaps if we can teach them how to get fact from print we may be teaching them not to draw opinions from print. The danger of the present age is the continued vociferation of inflammatory opinion by all sorts of periodicals. We want to create people who can use print, not people who are intimidated by print.

The best thing we can teach a child is not a mass of authoritative information that settles or seems to settle everything for ever, but the assurance that life is a great adventure worth pursuing in the spirit of adventure.

By means of their own language and literature we can begin to educate our boys and girls in the humane qualities, in breadth of view, in depth of thought, in accuracy, clearness and force of expression, in appreciation and nobility, and give them vision.

Royal Drawing Society.

At the annual examination in the various divisions held in June very good results were obtained. Three candidates, G. Arnold, M. Whitley and R. Woolley, having won honours in all divisions, were awarded 'Full' certificates, G. Arnold gaining the Overseas Prize in Division VI, the other three prizes in this Division being won by schools in Canada and South Africa.

The general report for candidates entered was "A good and well sustained result."

In conclusion, I thank all the donors of prizes, and the staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support throughout the year. I wish, especially, on behalf of Central British School, to thank you, Mrs. Ralphs, for honouring us with your presence here this evening and for so kindly consenting to distribute the prizes. Your long absence from the Colony will the better enable you to appreciate the immense strides forward taken by Central British School since the day when you came here to present badges to our first prefects.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Government Scholarships.

Class 1. E. L. Hayes.
Class 2. R. Woolley.
Class 3A. V. Levkovich.
Class 3B. I. Bickford.
Class 4. F. Stoakes.
Class 5A. M. Clarke.
Class 5B. I. Black.
Class 6. E. Green.

Garrison School Scholarships.—F. Anslow, D. Booker, L. Read.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Scholarship.—D. Dixon.

'J. R. M. Smith' Scholarship.—E. L. McCubbin.

Head Master's Prize.—S. R. Whitley.

Wylie Composition Prize.—L. Spooner.

Navy League Prize.—R. Woolley.

Ezra Abraham Prize for Mathematics.—T. C. Payne.

War Memorial Prize.—T. C. Payne.

History Prize, (presented by H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Esq.), E. A. Hosford.

Scripture Prize, (presented by Rev. J. H. Johnston.), A. Ursell.

Literature Prize, (presented by Rev. J. H. Johnston.) V. Levkovich.

Prize for Mathematics, (presented by G. G. Wood, Esq.), B. Budden and T. Ingram.

Drawing Prize, (presented by Messrs. Der A. Wing.), M. L. W. Bryson.

Nature Study and Physics, (presented by Messrs. Brower and Co.), I. Woolley.

Royal Drawing Society.

Royal Drawing Society's Overseas Prize, 1927, Division VI., G. W. Arnold (Illustration).

Royal Drawing Society's Full Certificates.—G. W. Arnold, M. Whitley, R. Woolley.

Mrs. Ralphs' Speech.

After giving away the prizes, Mrs. Ralphs spoke of the great pleasure it gave her to see those connected with the Central British School after an absence of eight years. She could hardly realise the change that had taken place. She did not know whether there was a prefect in the school who had been a student when she had given away the badges at her last visit eight years ago.

Referring to the report of the headmaster, Mrs. Ralphs said that she had listened to it with the greatest admiration. She did not think there was any need for her to eulogise the work done by the staff and students, but she could not refrain from making a few remarks about the school.

Commenting on the spirit of the school, Mrs. Ralphs said that if the spirit of the Central British School were to be put into words, these would be "Duty first; duty done." Continuing, she paid a tribute to the headmaster, Mr. Nightingale, and said that after looking at the qualifications, she thought the school was second to none in the Empire. The students had reason to be grateful to their teachers, because they had enabled them to make use of their knowledge.

Mrs. Ralphs spoke of the advantage local students had over those at Home, and mentioned that when school children in the East travelled to and from Home they were adding to their knowledge. The harbour of Hongkong was also a great education to English children.

Mrs. Ralphs commended the school on its results in the local examinations, and mentioned in particular, T. C. Payne, whose successes were something to remember and be proud of.

In conclusion, Mrs. Ralphs congratulated all those who had succeeded in their examinations. "You have experience enough to know yourselves, and what is more to make use of yourselves," she added. "Fix your hearts and minds on attaining the highest results." She wished the school every success in the future.

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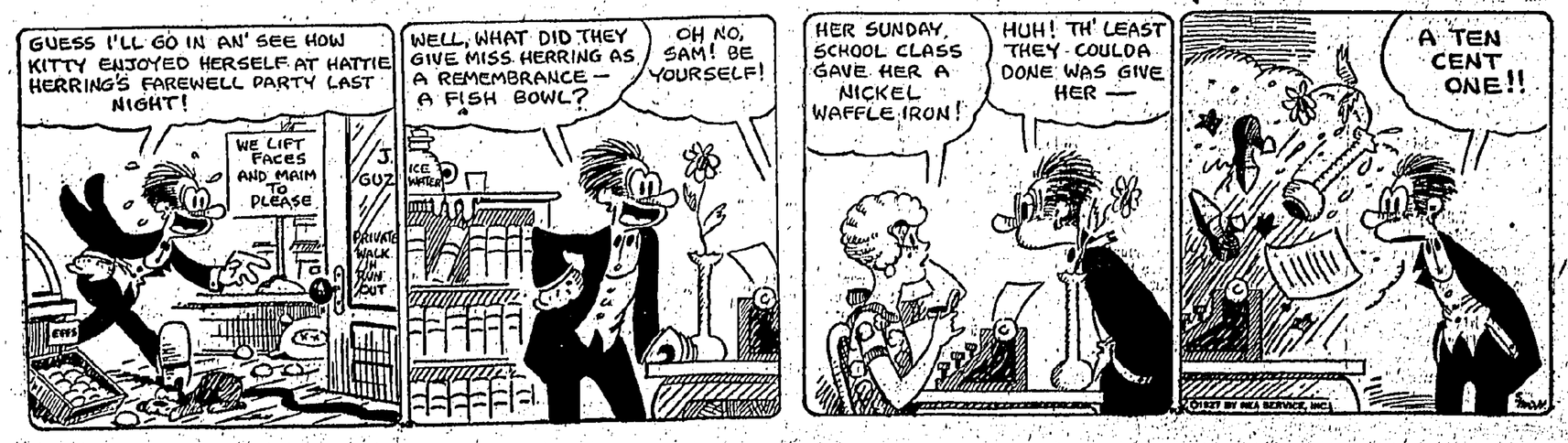

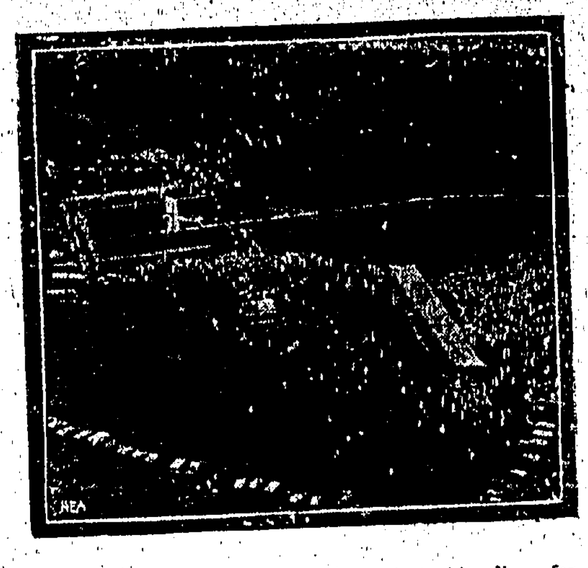

The field was all marked off with nice white lines for Colonel Charles Lindbergh's landing in Panama City. The Spirit of St. Louis can be seen in the rear, just coming to a stop.

Col. W. F. L. Gordon C.M.G., D.S.O., who for the past five years has commanded the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, left for Home on retirement last week. Top picture shows Col. Gordon on the tender saying last farewells. In the bottom picture Col. Gordon is seen wishing good-bye to officers of the Corps: he is shaking the hand of Major W. J. N. Dyer. Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, is on the extreme right.

The flame-swept shell of the Wilbur hotel on Main Street, Fall River, is pictured here. Firemen of Fall River and several neighbouring cities had to contend with freezing cold as they manned their apparatus. Note how buildings, wires, and street are sheated with ice in this remarkable view, taken while the fire was burning.

Col. Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, whose arrest has been ordered by the Senate committee investigating the Teapot Dome oil leases because he refused to answer questions.

One of the gaunt pictures of ruin left in the wake of the $25,000,000 fire which swept the business district of Fall River, Mass. It shows what was left of Pocasset Textile Mill No. 2—the building in which the fire started. Two hundred and fifty persons were injured.

Leon Trotsky, once a power in Russia, is snapped here as he was about to board the train at Moscow as an exile, banished by the Soviet to Vierny in remote Russian Turkestan.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of $3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of $10 each to $6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of $10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY the SECOND DAY, of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of $1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."
2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,
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Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

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Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 12th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that ANDREW HARPER & SON have ceased to be the authorized dealers of this Company for Hongkong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928.

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The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LED.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Friday, 16th March, 1928, at 12 noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st. December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd. March, 1928 to 16th. March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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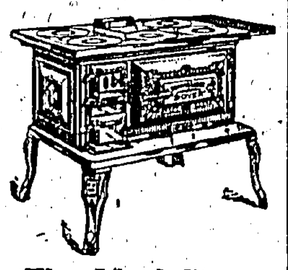

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 320. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Fri., 9th Mar., 1928.

1. Kirkpatrick Scheme.

Kwong Lee launch will leave Murray Pier at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, 11th March, 1928 for Kirkpatrick Scheme. All interested are invited to attend. Tiffins must be brought.

2. Annual Inspection.

(*a*) The General Officer Commanding, South China Command will inspect the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on Thursday, 15th March, 1928 at 6 p.m. on Murray Parade Ground.

Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend.

(*b*) The Corps less Battery, Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m.

One marker from each unit will report to the Corps Sergeant-Major on Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. They must know the number of files in their own units.

(*c*) Battery, Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade on Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m.

Dress: Drill tunics, shorts and puttees, hosetops, helmets, belts, rifles and bayonets. Medals will be worn if in possession, if not, ribbons 1 inch long. Chin straps will be worn under the chin.

The Battery as above, only no rifles, no hosetops, bandoliers instead of belts.

Mounted Infantry Company, Motor Cyclists and Drivers as above, only with bandoliers, no hosetops, breeches instead of shorts.

Remainder of Armoured Car Company as above with bandoliers.

Scottish Company will dress in the kilt with glengarries, khaki tunics, sporrans, diced hosetops, flashes and spats. Belts and frogs.

Officers' Dress: Khaki drill, shorts, puttees, hosetops, sam browne belt, sword and sword knot, helmets.

Practice Parade.—Practice Parade for the above inspection will take place at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 12th March, 1928, in uniform.

Members are reminded that attendance at the G.O.C's inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters from Monday, 12th to Wednesday, 14th March, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.

3. Corps Rifle Meeting.

The dates and order of events will be as follows:

Sunday, 8th April, 1928.—Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Jar Competition, Plate Competition and Attack Competition.

Monday, 9th April, 1928.—Corps Championship and Tyro Competition, Musketry Competition, Reserves Cup, and Lewis Gun Competition.

Revolver Competition both days.

Entrance fees.—All individual events $1.00 per man per competition, other events 50 cents per man, with exception of Revolver Competition (unlimited entries) for which the fee is 20 cents per entry, made on the range.

Intending competitors must send in their names, accompanied by entrance fees, not later than *Monday, 2nd April, 1928* to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters.

4. Musketry.

Sunday, 11th March, 1928.—The Field Section and Corps Signals will fire Part I Table T. at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 11th March.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. S. Logan.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 10th March, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5. Engineer Company.

Field Section. Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, 11th March. Particulars see order No. 4.

6. Signals.

Musketry Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 11th March, vide order No. 4.

7. Infantry Company.

There will no parade on Tuesday, 13th March. All ranks must parade at 5.30 p.m. to attend practice parade on Monday, 12th March and the Annual Inspection on Thursday, 15th March, vide order No. 2.

8. Scottish Company.

Monday, 12th March at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters for practice parade for annual Inspection. Dress: Review Order i.e. Glengarry, khaki tunic, kilt, sporran, diced hosetops, flashes, spats, rifle, bayonet, belt and frog. Medals will be worn.

Thursday, 15th March. Annual Inspection vide order No. 2.

Sunday, 18th March. Triangular Shoot arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer between 2nd Battn: Scots Guard's, 2nd Battn: K.O.S. Borderers and Scottish Company at Stonecutters.

Sunday, 1st April, 1928. Inter Platoon Shoot for "Dyer" Cup.

9. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on 6. 3. 28. and posted to No. 11 Platoon (Portuguese Company).

No. 1306 Pte. A. L. Mills.

10. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

No. 372 Pte. E. Docherty, No. 6. Platoon, from 28. 2. 28. to 27. 2. 29.

No. 1028 Pte. F. S. Gumley, M. I. Co., from 17. 3. 28. to 16. 3. 29.

No. 1276 Gnr. R. W. H. Maynard, Battery, from 31. 3. 28. to 31. 12. 28.

No. 488 Stg. D. G. Bruce, A. C. Co., from 1. 3. 28. to 31. 12. 28.

No. 1207 Bandsman A. M. Souza, Corps Band, from 5. 3. 28. to 4. 5. 28.

11. Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:

No. 721 Spr. A. Spary, Engineer Coy., as from 1. 3. 28.

No. 790 Pte. F. A. Kemp, A. C. Company, as from 1. 3. 28.

No. 1011 Pte. F. K. Garton, A. C. Company, as from 1. 3. 28.

No. 686 L/Cpl. A. Brailsford, Corps Signals, as from 1. 3. 28.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

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Dance Models.

FRINGES AND FLOWERS.

Subtle movement may be said to be the chief feature of the dance models of the moment. If it is not achieved by flounces, flares, winged draperies, or narrow stole ends, it is achieved by fringes.

A slim white satin creation may be resolved, just below the hips, into a waterfall of silver fringe, while a black satin can be treated with bead fringe, shading from black through grey to white, arranged in diagonal lines, to touch the hip at one side.

Fish-Scale Sequins.

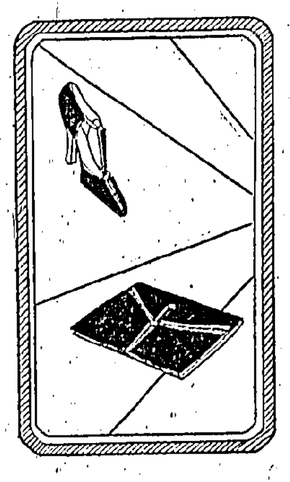
Fish-scale sequins are yet another novelty. In shades of green, these, as can well be imagined, singularly remind one of the denizens of the sea, radiating an irridescent sheen that is wholly captivating. Softened by graceful draperies of chiffon, these compose really unique and quite beautiful dance-frocks, and they are extraordinarily light in weight.

A Feeling for Flowers.

Generally speaking, there is a greater "feeling" for flowers than has been the case for a long while. It is, however, more marked in some quarters than others. The couturieres specialising in the more sumptuous toilettes of brocade and embroideries, wisely leave these gorgeous materials to tell their own story. But soft lace, chiffon, and georgette gowns at once respond to dainty floral trails, "mammoth" blooms, and great market bunches posed at one side of the waist. Many are most unconventional, alike in colour, size, and expression.

Thus a large pale pink organdy rose attached to a delicate beige lace frock had the outer petals tipped with old blue; a Malmaison," with fading petals, adorned a pale jade-green chiffon. Tendrils, heavy in appearance, and stalks composing a long trail, shading from deep damask to faint pink, meandered down one side of a white tulle dance-frock, that was made up over silver lame, shot with pink.

Modernist Touch.



Black patent leather fashions a pocketbook and matching shoe taking a modern decoration in lizard and silver kid.

Silk Stockings.

SHEEN PRODUCED BY TIN.

The vogue of the flesh-coloured artificial silk stocking was mentioned recently at the annual meeting of the Associated Tin Company of Nigeria by the chairman, the Hon. Lionel Holland, who said that a new and important industrial use of tin was its application in the rapidly expanding artificial silk industry.

It may surprise many women to know that the golden sheen of some stockings is really a tin one.

A dyestuffs expert said that tin was used as a mordant [means of fixing colour] in the dyeing of artificial silk, and the high lustre which the stockings possessed was largely due to its agency. He added:

"Women have been largely responsible for the increasing applications of tin to new uses. It takes an important part in the manufacture of all artificial silk lingerie; it is used in the manufacture of nearly all articles of the toilet table; and it is tin that makes possible the collapsible tubes of toilet and cosmetic preparations, the sales of which are increasing every day. Miss 1928, in fact, may be regarded as a modern goddess of tin."

The people of Britain got through 22,750,000 dozen pairs of stockings and socks in 1924. This works out at six pairs for each member of the population, compared with four pairs in 1912.

Practical.

Remove the sash-bottomed, flowered coat of this chiffon dinner frock, and it becomes a formal evening gown.

Do You Know---

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That raw potato will remove fruit or acid stains from steel?

That paraffin will remove stains from glazed tiles?

That if well greased before use, tin kettles will keep bright?

The Doctor.

WHY PEOPLE FEAR HIM.

People are frequently exhorted nowadays to visit their doctors and have themselves overhauled while they are, as far as they know, well, and not to wait until disease gets a hold upon them before submitting themselves for medical examination.

But few people take kindly to the advice, and one reason for this, according to Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter, is their fear of the doctor.

"They are afraid," he says, "we are going to find out something. They have a very real ground for that fear, because nobody who practises medicine can be ignorant of the fact that there are many men who are terrified the doctor will find something which will mean an expensive operation."

Now, this dread of an operation may very probably account for the fear which the majority of a doctor's unwilling patients experience when they find themselves in his waiting-room, but I am certain that there is another reason, just as strong, which keeps thousands of people from the doctor's examination until the necessity drives them to it.

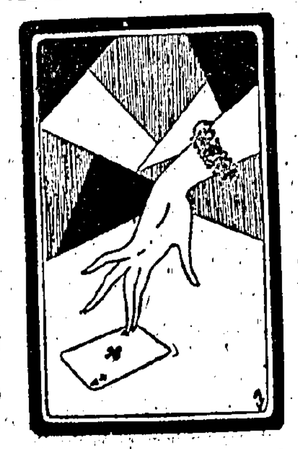
And that is the fear that there may be nothing the matter with them at all.

For one of the healthy characteristics of the present day is a tendency to make little of small ailments, and to "carry on," as far as possible, as if they did not exist.

And no individual is more contemptible in the eyes of those who follow this policy than the one who is always imagining that there is something the matter with her, without grounds to justify the fear.

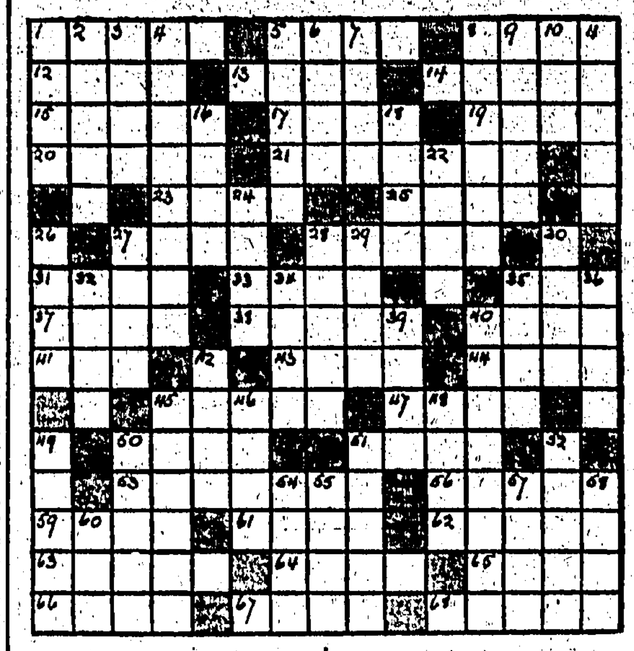
So that it takes quite a lot to make many people risk being made to feel a fool, by having the doctor discover that there is nothing for him to cure!

Lucky Beauty!



A hand-made silver and green stone bracelet plays a winning card on Milady's wrist. Other jewels are available for those who doubt in the emerald's luck.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

1 Cheep.
5 Human being.
8 Bang.
12 Ascended.
13 Six sided figure.
14 French unit for solid measure.
15 Volume of maps.
17 Stout.
19 Cereals.
20 Common tree.
21 Solemn.
23 Time.
25 Climbing plant.
27 Mature.
28 Manage.
31 Difference in value of money.
33 Lying at rest.
35 Lick up.
37 Quickly.
38 Priest's napkin.
40 Wander.
41 Tap.
43 Unemployed.
44 Always.
45 Positions.
47 Structure at east end of church.
50 Bolt.
51 Speck.
53 Pertaining to the palate.
56 Kinds.
59 Centre part of body.
61 Couple.
62 Negotiate.
63 Possessed of ears.
64 Torn.
65 Brink.
66 An allowance for waste.
67 Proceeded.
68 Crawl.

Down.

1 Ten-footed crustacean.
2 Inn.
3 Land surrounded by water.
4 Resistance.
5 Exchange.
6 Hautboy.
7 Costly.
8 Moment.
9 Let.
10 Skill.
11 Middle (law)
16 Vessel.
18 Split.
22 Greasy.
24 Unheeding.
26 Stinging insect.
27 Tumult.
28 Goes.
29 Image.
30 Lade out.
32 Point aimed at.
34 Enticement.
35 Like.
36 Lively.
39 Low tide.
40 One who revives.
42 An idiot.
45 Celestial body.
46 Abide.
48 Stake.
49 Manservant.
50 Steeple.
51 Was at rest.
52 Platform.
54 Lacerated.
55 Related by blood.
57 Advise.
58 Pace.
60 Propels a boat.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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PLEASING CONCERT.

AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

The series of musicales at the Helena May Institute attract more and more music-lovers as the merit of the performers and the high standard of entertainment becomes better known, and last night's concert was in no way less attractive than previous ones.

It must be said, that Miss E. Dunbar's performance was outstanding. She possesses an excellent voice, and it was heard to the best advantage in the "drawing room" limits of the concert hall. The singer chose Italian items by Schindler in the earlier part of the programme, and solos in the same medium by other composers in the second half.

Mr. John Braga, in violin solo and also in the accompaniments to Mrs. R. Sanger, justified his selection. Mr. Braga is an old favourite and did not disappoint. He was also the accompanist to Mrs. G. E. Aubrey.

Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith is a gifted pianist, and in his particular offerings was more than usually good. He and Miss Caroline Braga were the accompanists throughout the programme, and their work was excellent. As always, Mrs. R. Sanger was well received and deservedly so.

The programme last evening was as follows:

On Wings of Song (Mendelsohn-Achron), Canzonetta (D'ambrosio), Violin: Mr. John Braga.

Three Sonnets of Mediaeval Italy: Lo sparviero fuggito (Schindler), Stella Amoris (Schindler), Apparizion (Schindler), Miss Elisabeth Dunbar.

Four Preludes (Chopin), Study in E Minor (Chopin), Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

Do you often call to mind (Brahms), Saplik Ode (Brahms), Cradle Song (Brahms), Mrs. R. Sanger. Violin obligato: Mr. John Braga.

Adagio (Spohr), Allegro and Gavotte for Sonata, No. 1 (Handel), Mrs. G. E. Aubrey and Mr. John Braga.

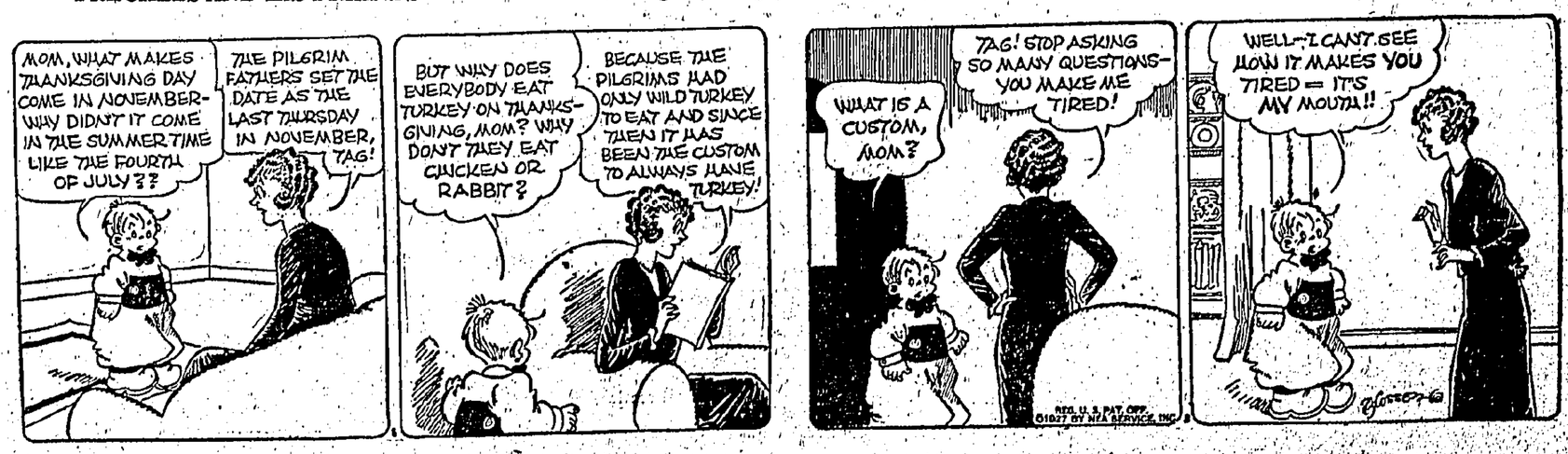
Come raggio di sol (Caldara), Vole di Campani (Henrico Mineo), Miss Elisabeth Dunbar.

Ballade in A Flat (Chopin), Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

Eternal Love (Brahms), The Blacksmith (Brahms), Mrs. Sanger.

It is announced that another Musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on March 22.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS — Tag's Doing All the Work — By Blosser



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EGYPT'S LACK OF GOOD SENSE.

Only a lamentable lack of vigour in resisting the anticipated extremist attack on the proposed treaty with Great Britain could have permitted the Egyptian Cabinet to reject the far-reaching and indulgent terms offered by the final draft, the text of which was published yesterday. There can be no two opinions about it. The sustained endeavour by Sir Austen Chamberlain and the British Government to meet as far as possible Sarwat Pasha's wishes and Egyptian sentiment, are thrown into relief by the White Paper on the subject. Egypt had everything to gain and nothing to lose. The plea that Article Seven—which permitted Britain to maintain such armed forces as were considered necessary for the defence of Imperial communications—legalises the occupation of Egypt by British forces is manifestly fallacious and can only be described as an obstinately tenacious refusal by the extreme Wahdists to face the realities of the situation. It was realised that this particular clause might prove the bugbear, and Britain, by the insertion of the express statement that the presence of British troops would not constitute in any way an occupation, and would not prejudice the sovereign rights of Egypt, obviously went to the limit in a sincere effort to make it easy of acceptance. We have been almost excessively magnanimous in our desire to achieve a satisfactory settlement, but the dictum of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, when the late Zaghloul Pasha was agitating, will always hold good: We cannot divest ourselves wholly, even in favour of an ally, of our interests in such a vital link in Empire communication as the Suez Canal. Every other sphere of influence was minimised by the treaty; the British Sirdar was abolished and replaced by an Ambassador. Men of the Nahas type must be regarded as fanatics. We cannot get really cross with them any more than one can with a petulant child who throws away a gift because it cannot have its own way entirely.

The British Government can very well reflect that the Opposition would have possessed greater scope for criticism in the acceptance of the treaty than its rejection, though it has been clearly shown that all parties are agreed on assisting Egypt to her emancipation. If Egypt would accept the British gesture in that light, and would learn to walk before attempting to run, a complete settlement would be possible. We were prepared to guarantee to come to Egypt's aid as a belligerent in the case of an aggressive war against the land of the Nile, with the guarding clause that Britain should be consulted in the case of an international dispute. We promised to aid Egypt in her application for admission to the League of Nations, and went so far in Article Seven as to commit the vital interests of the Empire to the League when the ten years' tenure of our troops in Egypt, provided by the treaty, terminated. If the League decision was against Egypt, we agreed to re-consider at intervals of five years. These were voluntary surrenders of principles which appear to be vital to British security, and in certain quarters, concessions regarded as extremely dangerous. Yet the immensely greater measure of responsibility devolving upon the Egyptian Government was not enough for the extremists, and to-day we find the country in the same position as it was in February, 1922. Egypt has thrown away a golden opportunity for the advancement of her ideals and tending towards her occupation of an honourable place in international society. The Note which has now been sent through Lord Lloyd is eloquent testimony of Britain's desire to avoid anything likely to affect the attempt to satisfy Egypt's desire for complete independence. It was withheld while negotiations were in progress although the state of affairs gave rise to considerable misgiving. Britain will now stand by her Declaration of 1922, and we must take what steps are deemed necessary to provide adequate protection for foreign interests. Britain may possibly appear to be austere in the future, but Egypt must take the whole burden of responsibility for the deplorable breakdown.

Better Days.

Gratifying indeed was the news to hand yesterday of the successes so far registered by the troops from Canton in their operations against the Hai-luk Fung Communists. When it was first announced that Marshal Li Chai-sum had decided to move against the "Reds" there were not wanting critics who openly asserted that nothing would come of the movement. It is, however, apparent now that Marshal Li meant business. Naval and military operations have been carried out on a somewhat considerable scale, and although the Communists have not yet been entirely suppressed, some excellent work has been accomplished. Reading through yesterday's account of what has transpired, we are left with the impression that good strategy has been employed against the "Reds." Many of them have, as was expected, moved into their defended fastnesses in the Lukfung region, and it will, admittedly, not be an easy task to root them out. However, if, as is rumoured, aeroplanes are to be brought into play, the "Reds" should soon be having a rather uncomfortable time of it. Naturally, the terror-stricken people in these districts will welcome the Canton troops as liberators, and Marshal Li's officers and men will have the satisfaction of feeling that they are discharging a very necessary task in suppressing the inhuman fiends which the Swabue "Reds" have shown themselves to be. It is certainly most gratifying to Hongkong to realise that really serious efforts are being made to enforce law and order in Kwangtung. In this connexion, we should like to stress the good work which is at present being carried out in another district—Hoihow and the whole of Hainan—by General Yip Shue. Under his rule, conditions, we hear, have immensely improved, and we are happy to record that both he and Mr. Fu Ping-kwan, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, are working in the utmost harmony with all sections of the people, especially with the foreign community. The enforcement of peace and order, the suppression of extremists and agitators, and the encouragement of trade and commerce—these are the things that will bring prosperity and contentment to Kwangtung. And we are glad to see the evidence from so many quarters that the Chinese authorities in the South are realising this in increasing measure.

DAY BY DAY.

GO TO SLEEP WITHOUT SUPPER, BUT RISE WITHOUT DEBT.—*The Talmud.*

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Swatow's new Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yong Chien-phing, was initiated to his office on Friday last.

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The Chinese vessel Hsin Wah, from Canton, reports passing a sunken junk at 9 a.m. on March 8th off Pillar Point.

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Yesterday's health return shows three Japanese imported cases of paratyphoid fever, and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

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The s.s. Hong Pong, with mails from Home dated February 9th, arrived at noon. Mails will be distributed during the afternoon.

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Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. A. J. May, Architect, Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, to Miss L. G. Iliff, doctor, Helena May Institute.

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A brief police report states that naval ratings from H. M. ships effected the rescue of the crew of a Chinese junk which capsized yesterday at 3.04 p.m. near the H. M. S. Tamar.

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The forthcoming wedding is announced of Captain Leonard Griffin Daish, R.A.P.C., of Empress Lodge, Kowloon, to Miss Ethel Mary Tigwell, sister, Military Hospital, Bowen Road.

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Registration difficulties in respect of the s.s. Sanning and Wing On have not yet been settled, it is reported. There is a probability that both vessels will resume on the West River run on Monday or Tuesday.

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Two Chinese successfully worked the well-known banknote trick on a woman living in Wanchai and induced her to part with a pair of gold bangles valued at $48. This is the third occasion this week on which people have been victimised in this way.

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 22 departures, with British registering eight under each heading, the best national return of the day. Tonnage was high, but the higher cargo figures were carried by Japanese and American inward, and German and Norwegian through. At 9 a.m. there were 68 vessels in harbour, British 26.

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Monday last was celebrated as Arbor Day in Swatow, and the officials and schools turned out in the afternoon to plant trees. The late General Hong Chiau-lin laid out extensive grounds at Chaochowfu, and in particular planted large numbers of trees in avenues, and over the hillsides. He also planted nurseries of trees which he brought from other parts of China, and from these young shoots were brought to Swatow and planted on Monday along the big new Tung-shan road, and adjacent thoroughfares. This should prove to be a real benefit.

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The wedding of Mr. Ma Wai-but, cashier of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, and son of the Sincere Company's Managing Director (Mr. Ma Wing Wing-chan) and Miss Ts'o Mei-kei, daughter of Dr. S. W. Ts'o is to take place to-morrow afternoon at St. Paul's Church. The Rev. W. E. L. Martin and Rev. S. E. Tso will officiate and a tea party will take place after the service at Messrs. Lane, Crawfords Restaurant. Miss S. Wu, daughter of Dr. C. C. Wu, and Miss T. P. To, daughter of Mr. D. Jackman, manager of the Wing On Co., will be the bridesmaids and Miss Ka Kum-oi, sister of the bridegroom, will act as flower girl. Mr. M. Y. Wong will be the best man.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 8.

Paris	124.05
Brussels	34.99
Amsterdam	12.12⅛
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.64½
Helsingfors	193⅛
Lisbon	2.17/64
Bucharest	792½
Buenos Aires	47.29/32
Shanghai	2/6⅝
Yokohama	1/11.3/32
New York	4.87⅝
Geneva	25.34
Milan	92.25
Stockholm	18.17½
Oslo	18.32
Prague	164½
Madrid	29.05½
Athens	363
Rio	5.59/64
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Hongkong	2/0⅛
Silver (spot)	26.3/16
Silver (forward)	26⅛

—*British Wireless.*

COLONY'S MUSICAL LOSS.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. RUSSELL BROWN.

Opportunity was taken during last evening's Musicale at the Helena May Institute to bid farewell to Mrs. Russell Brown, who has figured prominently in the musical life of the Colony during her residence here.

At an interval in the programme, Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith, in a brief speech, said that was the last occasion on which they would have Mrs. Russell Brown with them, as she was going Home next week. She would be remembered in the Colony for many things. In the realm of music she would be remembered for her organisation of the Squeakettes Concert Party, for all that she did in connexion with the concerts for the entertainment of the soldiers and sailors, for her work on the Social Committee of the Helena May Institute, and, last but not least, for her charming singing. All music-lovers who supported the Helena May musicales by their presence had special reason to regret her departure, for she had put a lot of enthusiasm and hard work into the organisation. These musicales were far better run than they used to be, and while credit for that was due to the Committee as a whole, all its members agree that if it had not been for Mrs. Russell Brown's keenness, the concerts would not be so uniformly successful as they now were. He (Mr. Bowes Smith) was sure all present would like an opportunity of showing their appreciation of all that Mrs. Russell Brown had done for them, and he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to her, wishing her *bon voyage*—(Applause).

After the concert, Mrs. Russell Brown's musical friends gathered in the artists' room, where they presented her with two paintings of Hongkong, as a little token of their appreciation of all that she has done for the cause of music in Hongkong.

At the presentation, which was informal, the Bishop of Victoria made a short speech eulogising Mrs. Russell Brown, who replied stating that she did not deserve the kindness shown to her.

MAKING A COMEDY.

SOME FACTS ABOUT "THE CIRCUS."

Some idea as to the physical magnitude of Charlie Chaplin's production, "The Circus," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre may be had from figures compiled by the general statistician at the Chaplin studio.

Livestock housed for a period of more than a year included elephants, lions, tigers, and geese. Properly to feed and care for these the commissary department was required to handle for many months, food items that totalled more than sixty thousand pounds, the greater bulk of this being in beef and tons of hay, corn, carrots, potatoes and bread.

During filming of scenes under the circus tent and surrounding grounds, in some instances there were 2,000 women, children and men gathered together. The necessary "fixings" for an assemblage of this character called for 3,000 gallons of lemonade, 3,622 bottles of soda pop, 2,502 bags of peanuts, 1,126 rolls of popcorn, 5,706 frank-furters—and an equal number of rolls, 1,517 sticks of chewing gum, 1,282 lollypops and 1,806 pretzels.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

"TELEGRAPH'S" BIG VARIETY TO-MORROW.

To-morow's *Telegraph* will contain an even greater variety of local pictures than usual, covering all happenings of topical interest for the past week.

Those interested in sport will be well catered for with snapshots of the Shield match between the Hongkong and Kowloon Football Clubs; photos of the R.A. and Police football teams; a group of the Ewo and Bank cricket teams; a picture of the start of the Kowloon Marathon; and photographs of the contestants at to-morrow night's boxing tournament.

Of weddings, there will be groups taken at the marriages of Mr. H. J. Armstrong and Miss Thwaites, of Mr. Leonard Warren and Miss H. M. Leech, and of Mr. H. H. Luer and Miss G. E. Herms.

There will be two photographs of H. E. the Governor's arrival at King's College, to perform the opening ceremony, together with a portrait of Mr. A. Morris, the Headmaster; whilst another picture of considerable interest will be Marshal Li Chai-sum and party, photographed at the residence of the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

The Very Idea!

A welfare worker visited an asylum, and was shown the lunatics at work. She noticed one man standing idly in a corner.

"Why don't you work?" she asked. "Aren't you mad?"

"Not as mad as that," answered the man.

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The Thames floods have even been mentioned in a Speech from the Throne. King Charles, addressing the House on March 1, 1661 (2), said:

"The mention of my wife's arrival puts me in mind to desire you to put that compliment upon her that her entrance into the town may be with more decency than the ways will now suffer it to be; and for that purpose I pray you would quickly pass such laws as are before you in order to the amending those ways, and that she may not find Whitehall surrounded with water."

Lord Dorset alludes to these periodical inundations in his well-known song, "To all you ladies now on land:—"

The King with wonder and surprise
Will swear the seas grow bold;
Because the tides will higher rise
Than e'er they did of old;
But let him know it is our tears
Bring floods of grief to Whitehall Stars,
With a fal la, etc.

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Elderly man, accused of bigamy at the Old Bailey: I am feeling rather queer this morning. I ought not to be here.

Motorist, summoned for exceeding the speed limit, at Willesden: I must reasonably expect to be caught now and then.

Willesden woman: She uses everyday bad language.

Midland solicitor: Did you take the time by your watch? Man: I never possessed such a luxury.

A man admitted at Bow County Court that he owed fourteen weeks rent, and explained, "The landlord refused to take the rent, so the wife annexed it."

Mr. Registrar Friend, at Clerkenwell County Court, to a wife, married thirty years, who did not know her husband's earnings: The modern young woman is rather different.—The wife: Ah, but I am one of the good oldfashioned sort.

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Notice in the doorway of a Devon parish church:—

"It will save robbers fruitless search and much disappointment to know that the valuable ancient church plate is permanently kept in the strongroom of a bank in a distant town."

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The time will come when the earth will stop spinning and the moon will crash down upon us.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

School is no longer a place of penance or torment but a place of joy, freedom, and health.—The Bishop of Peterborough.

Real progress in industry, in the standard of living and, indeed, in the general happiness of the whole country, depends upon peace in industry.—Sir A. Steel Maitland.

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A Burns enthusiast anxious to know how a certain celebration in an Edinburgh hotel had come off, and what the proposer of the immortal memory had said, queried a friend who had been present as to what sort of a night they had had.

"Oh, it was a great night," was the reply, "easily the best Burns supper I ever attended. It was really a glorious affair from beginning to end. The proposer of the immortal memory never turned up at all."

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To the long list of entertaining Underground posters is now added a musical one, with the "Cuckoo" theme from the Pastoral Symphony, the "Bees' Wedding" from the "Songs Without Words," "Dear Little Buttercup" from "H. M. S. Pinafore," Schumann's "Slumber Song," bits of Wagner, Elgar, and Tchaikovsky, and even "The Maiden's Prayer"—presumably for a day in the country. It makes an amusing puzzle for the waiting passenger, and is also something of a tribute to his presumed knowledge of music.

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Scene:—A North-County farmhouse. The new boy was eating his first dinner there.

"Will tha' 'ave more meat, John?" asked the old farmer, as he carved at the head of the table.

"Yes, please," answered the boy.

"Wat does tha' say?" roared the farmer, glaring fiercely at the boy.

"No, thank you."

"That's reet. I like a lad as can speak up for isself."

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We never claimed to be a Government either of "know alls" or "cure alls."—Mr. Winston Churchill.

The Emerald Isle has played a part in human progress out of all proportion to its size.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

One by one obstacles which formerly seemed to stand in the way of a return to prosperity are being removed.—Sir Austin Harris.

VILE CONCOCTION AS BRANDY.

FOUR MEN HEAVILY FINED FOR USING PRIVATE "STILL."

SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR.

Concerned in the manufacture and sale of what, for want of a better name, can only be described as bootlegger's brandy of the worst type, four Chinese were charged, on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Conceive a liberal amount of sugar and colouring matter, mixed with a "body" derived solely from weakened spirits of wine, and a little, if any, of genuine liquor to give a flavour, and the remarkable composition will have been visualised which the Court, digressing a moment from the case, was asked to contemplate in deliberating the point whether it was dangerous to health, as Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, declared it was.

The Magistrate was understood to rule that it was not within his province to consider the question.

Old Labels.

Such as it was, the seized "brandy" was exhibited in Court, stowed in 26 old bottles, some of which retained the genuine Hennessey Three Star mark.

It was necessary, it was pointed out, in order to compute the duties that might have been collectable, to consider what such duties would amount to if it had been genuine brandy, and again if it had been spirits of wine.

Looking up the relevant sections of the Wine and Spirits Ordinance, his Worship endeavoured to discover where the Ordinance would cover the case.

He queried if Mr. Sayer was regarding it as "liquor, champagne or sparkling wine" or "intoxicating liquor which was not sparkling wine."

Mr. Sayer submitted it fell under such "spirituous liquor" as was mentioned in other sections, and the Court left it at that.

Profits of Concern.

Senior Revenue Officer George Watt told the Court of a visit he made on Wednesday to No. 391 Queen's Road West, where he found the accused, and seized a number of articles which were, in addition to the bottles of faked brandy, a quantity of capsules, labels, corks and other things incidental to such a business as that on which the accused were engaged.

He also produced several account books showing that the business was divided into six shares, and had netted a profit during one stated period, of $73 odd.

Used Government duty labels and unused Macao tobacco labels were also seized, which Mr. Sayer submitted were employed to "throw dust into his Department's eyes."

List of Shareholders.

All the accused were found guilty, after they had admitted they were on the list of shareholders.

The first man, who rented the cubicle in which the faked brandy was seized, was fined an aggregate of $1,200 or eight months' hard labour, on all four charges.

The other were fined $200 each or six weeks.

There being an additional charge against the second man of being in possession of a small quantity of illicit opium, he was also fined a further $7, or seven days.

CHINA EXHIBITION.

PREPARATIONS WELL IN HAND.

The various sub-committees appointed in connexion with the China Exhibition, to be held in St. Andrew's Church grounds, Kowloon, from the 28th to the 30th instant, are now busily engaged making preparations for what promises to be a most attractive event.

There will be some really remarkable exhibits, including a grain of rice with over thirty characters inscribed on it, and two small pieces of ivory with 300 and 400 characters respectively.

All manner of handicraft will be seen at the exhibition, including the carving of ivory balls.

More than 65 per cent of the passengers who cross the Atlantic to see Europe are women, many of them elderly. Seventy per cent. of the passengers on cruises are married couples.

THIEF TRACKED DOWN.

CHINESE DETECTIVE'S PATIENCE REWARDED.

In Queen's Road, yesterday, a Chinese detective became suspicious of the movements of a youth of about 20 years of age. He followed him about for hours and finally his patience was rewarded, for the youth proved to be a sneak thief.

Giving evidence before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, when the youth was charged with the theft of eight packets of cigarettes from a street stall in Queen's Road West, the detective stated that he first accosted the youth in Queen's Road Central. He followed him around for a long time, observing how he stopped at different stalls at the street corners, studying the possibilities of "picking" up something smartly.

Eventually, the young man came to a cigarette stall which he thought presented him with the opportunity he desired. After waiting for an hour, he eventually managed to "lift" a cardboard box which contained eight packets of cigarettes. The stallholder, a Chinese woman, was completely oblivious of what had taken place, but, unfortunately for the thief, the detective was near at hand.

At the Magistracy the youth said he picked up the cardboard box, believing it to be empty. His story, however, carried no weight with his Worship, who imposed a fine of $10, or, alternatively, fourteen days' hard labour.

CANTON COUNCIL MEETING.

INCREASED CHARGES FOR WATER.

Interesting matters were dealt with at a meeting of the Canton Political Council which took place on Tuesday. Commissioners present at the meeting included Marshal Li Chai-sum, Generals Wang Shao-hung and Chan Ming-shiu, Mr. Lam Wan-kai, Mr. Chu Chawah and Admiral Chan Chat.

Mr. Lam Wan-kai, the Mayor, proposed an increase of 2.5 per cent. on the charges for the water supply. The proposal was made on the ground that the Municipal Department had decided to improve the water supply system, and to carry out such a scheme more funds would be needed.

The Council complied with the suggestion of the Mayor, adding that the increase of 2.5 per cent. be allowed to last for a year.

At the same meeting, the question again came up regarding the former decision of the Council to confiscate the Canton properties of the Kuomintang "Leftists" leaders.

The former decision was to order the confiscation of all Canton properties of the "Ironside" leaders, but at Tuesday's meeting it was decided that only the properties of such "Ironside" leaders who had embezzled funds of the Government be seized.

DOLLAR LINE PLANS.

NEW BOATS FOR FAR EAST.

San Pedro, Mar. 3.

Mr. A. F. Haines, vice-president of the American Mail Line, announced that the steamers Margaret Dollar, Jr.; Stuart Dollar, Diana Dollar and Stanley Dollar, each of 10,000 gross tons, would be withdrawn from the Dollar Line Inter-coastal fleet and entered on the Seattle-North and South China-Philippine trade of the American Mail line.

These vessels will replace the Shipping Board vessels formerly operated by the American Mail but which were purchased recently by Tacoma interests. Mr. Haines declared that the Puget Sound-Far East service would be continued, following the request of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce that the American Mail line maintain its vessels for this Oriental trade.

RAMPARTS COLLAPSE.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED IN MOROCCAN TOWN.

Paris, Feb. 3.

Eleven dead bodies have so far been recovered from beneath the ruins of the wall surrounding Meknes, the Moroccan town thirty miles west of Fez, which collapsed yesterday morning. No warning of the disaster was given when a hundred yards of the old ramparts (dating from the time of Muley Ismail) 30ft. high and 3ft. thick, suddenly fell near the Bab el Kahri. Eight houses, inhabited both by Europeans and natives, were crushed beneath masses of masonry and their occupants trapped.

In addition to the 11 killed, eight persons were injured, six of them seriously, and it is feared that other victims may be discovered later. Two Europeans were among the seriously injured.

BRITISH AIR PLANS FOR 1928.

SUBSIDIES FOR AIR MAIL SERVICE TO EAST.

AUTOGYRO RESEARCH.

London, Mar. 8.

Sir Samuel Hoare in a memorandum accompanying the air estimates gives the present strength of the R. A. F. as equivalent to 69 squadrons, to which four new squadrons will be added in 1928. Developments will be principally overseas. Two new squadrons will go to India, making the total there eight. The cost will fall on the Indian exchequer.

Provision is made for two new flights of flying boats, which have great potentialities in protecting Imperial communications. One flight will be stationed overseas.

A parachute is now supplied with every aircraft capable of carrying it. The percentage carrying parachutes will be 86 per cent. in 1928. The remainder are mostly seagoing aircraft, and the present form of attachment involves a risk of drowning. The difficulty is expected shortly to be solved.

The increase of £19,000 in subsidies for civil aviation is intended for further development in 1928 of existing air services, with the ultimate object of establishing an Imperial air mail route to India and the East.—*Reuter.*

The Memorandum also states that research upon auto-gyro aeroplanes were still being continued and an experimental machine had been made which had completed a cross-country flight of 25 miles. This was the longest distance flown up to date by a machine of the rotating wing type. —*Reuter.*

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

FOUR ENTRANTS WITH ELEVEN RIGHT.

Owing to the great interest taken in the semi-finals of both the English and Scottish Cup competitions, there was a record entry for our Football Competition last week.

There have also been a record number of claims made, this being on account of so many of the matches given on the coupon resulting according to form.

Five competitors sent in claims in respect of eleven correct forecasts, but on a check being made only four of them were found to have coupons with this number. These four therefore share the prize of $25. Their names are:

Ldg. Sea. W. Hayward,
H.M.S. Tamar.

G. Roylance,
4, Railway Terrace,
Hunghom.

J. M. Luz,
4, Snifee Terrace,
Kowloon.

Pte. F. Mitchell,
H. Q. Wing, Signal Section,
K.O.S. Borderers.

If these will kindly call at our office, we shall be pleased to hand them their shares of the prize money.

Will competitors please send in all their attempts in one envelope? This would greatly assist.

MARINE COURT CASES.

USING GRAPPLINGS IN NAVY ANCHORAGE.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Li Yee, mistress of a fishing boat, was charged with using grapplings to lift objects from the harbour-bed, without the written permission of the Harbour Master.

The accused pleaded guilty, but stated that she had been asked by the mistress of a washwoman sampan to endeavour to recover clothing which sank when her boat was overturned close to the aircraft carrier Argus. The clothes belonged to members of the crew of the Argus.

His Worship, inflicting a fine of $5 with the usual alternative, pointed out that the use of grapplings could not be allowed in the Naval Anchorage without permission having first been given.

Other Cases.

Chan Tsan and Leung Ngau were charged with making fast their cargo boats outside five others alongside vessels moored at buoys in the harbour.

Pleading guilty, they were fined $3 each, with the usual alternative.

FINE WEATHER FOR TOURISTS.

THE LINER CALEDONIA ARRIVES IN HONGKONG.

With more than 400 passengers on board, the round-the-world liner, s.s. Caledonia arrived in Hongkong early this morning and berthed alongside a wharf at Kowloon.

The tourists are fortunate in having arrived at a time when they can enjoy a spell of fine weather, following several days of rain.

Full advantage will be taken by trips round the island and the New Territories. In addition the trips to Canton and Macao have been arranged. For this latter purpose it is understood that afternoon sailings from Canton of the Steamboat Company will be delayed two hours both to-day and to-morrow, specially for the benefit of the tourists.

Local arrangements are being carried out by the Hongkong Hotel Tourist Bureau.

The liner will leave Hongkong for the north at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

The Clark Company, which organised the tour, specially chartered the Caledonia from the Cunard and Anchor Line. She is of 17,000 tons net register and is one of the most up-to-date oil burners.

The vessel is eminently suitable for the tourist traffic, being capable of sustained speed, embodying all safety principles, and being extremely steady. She is fitted with the most modern improvements, all making for the comfort of the passengers and the enjoyable nature of the trip.

It is interesting to note that the Clark Company first organised a world tour in 1895 since when they have attained great popularity.

The itinerary includes the usual stopping places for such vessels such as the Panama Canal, Japan, Hongkong, Shanghai, Java, India, and Egypt. Other places of call being made this trip are at Jerusalem, Athens, and the volcano of Kilauea.

TWO CONFLICTING MESSAGES.

WHAMPOA CADETS IN A QUANDARY.

The cadets of the Whampoa Cadet College, Canton, who boarded a steamer bound for Nanking, have not left, the vessel lying at anchor at Ninfarshan, near Canton.

The delay is explained by a telegram from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to the effect that the Nanking Government is at present in great financial stress and suggesting the inadvisability of the trip to the North at too early a date. The telegram adds that lack of funds will compel the postponement of the new Cadet College in Nanking.

Curiously enough, Marshal Li Chai-sum has, it is stated, since received a telegram from Nanking from Mr. Liu Kwang, the director of the new Cadet College, who said the institution would soon be open, despite financial difficulty. The students are now in a quandary.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express.*

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. *Where is a city being built for the exclusive use of non-motorists?*
2. *Where in London was "Poverty Corner," and why was it so named?*
3. *What curious tradition concerning the Tower of London has just come to light?*
4. *What royal palace near London is about to be demolished to make room for shops?*
5. *What is the average daily population of the prisons of England?*
6. *In what capital has a Labour Government just been established for the first time?*
7. *In what famous city has the sale of dumplings made of dogs' flesh just been prohibited?*
8. *In which of the home counties is "Juliberry's Grave," and who was he?*
9. *Where is London's only street statue of Alfred the Great?*
10. *Where are there altars, shrines, and statues of saints made of salt?*
11. *Who was Beowulf, in connexion with whom an English professor has just been honoured by the British Academy?*
12. *What ancient record of beer has just been discovered?*

SWATOW SAMPAN TROUBLES.

TWO INCIDENTS INVOLVING FOREIGNERS.

UNDUE TRUCULENCE.

Swatow, Mar. 6.

Although the life of foreigners in the port is in every way better than it was in boycott days, there remain elements among some classes which are unpleasant to deal with.

There is a section among the sampan men who ply between Swatow and the Kakchieh side of the harbour which is quite unrestrained in its demands, and the ways of enforcing them. Two instances have recently come to my notice.

In one case, two foreign ladies crossed the harbour and paid off their sampan with no difficulty after a hard crossing. On the return, with favourable wind and tide, they offered the same amount, and, on this not being accepted, gave more. The sampan man, however, followed them on to the wharf, caught one of the ladies by the arm and insisted on payment of double fare, nor could they get away without paying it.

Recently, two foreign men encountered a similar situation. After proffering fair payment, with, however, the intention of adding to it if necessary, they found the sampan refusing to moor to the wharf till more had been paid. They dealt with that by mooring themselves, whereupon they were followed and threatened with violence, a crowd collecting.

The sampan man attempted to provoke a conflict such as could have been used against the foreigners, and went so far as to seize the hat of one man and throw it into the gutter. Eventually he was drawn off by the crowd, still nominally refusing the extra twenty cents which the foreigners thrust on him to settle the business.

The sampans used to be under the Harbour-Master, but are now, I understand, under the police. Whoever is responsible for their conduct, something should be done to stabilise tariffs and to see that they are effective, and, in any case, to make impossible such scenes, which carry in themselves the seeds of violence and riot whose outcome it would be difficult to foretell.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ARMED ROBBERS SCARED.

FRIGHTENED WHEN WOMAN GAVE ALARM.

Seven robbers, some of whom were armed with revolvers and others with daggers, succeeded in gaining entry to No. 5, Clarence Street, occupied by a bottle dealer, last night. They managed to overpower the dealer and his *foki* but were frightened away when the dealer's wife gave the alarm by shouting at the top of her voice that she was being attacked.

According to a report made later to the police by the bottle dealer, he was working in his shop when his assistant called him into the yard saying that there were men desirous of making a purchase. When the dealer entered the yard, he saw seven men, one of whom instantly produced a dagger. They bound up the dealer and his *foki*, who noticed that one of the men had a revolver.

The action of the robbers were observed by the dealer's wife, who gave the alarm, the robbers decamping without even attempting to enter the store.

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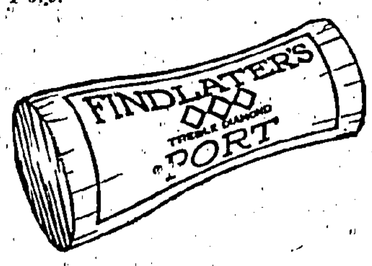

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CRICKET.

RECREIO TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio against the Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow at 2 p.m.—H. A. Alves (Capt.), H. M. Xavier, R. C. Reed, M. F. Pinna, C. M. Sousa, D. P. Xavier, E. de Sousa, L. J. Guterres, D. F. Lopes, H. A. Barros and F. H. Carvalho.

To-morrow's H.K.C.C. Teams.

The Hongkong Cricket Club 1st XI to meet the University 1st XI at Pokfulum (Hongkong University Ground) on Saturday, at 2 p.m., will be:

H. R. B. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. Owen Hughes, Capt. N. Thorp, E. R. Duckitt, O. Moor, G. Mead, F. H. Spence, and W. K. Tait.

The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI against the University 2nd XI at the H.K.C.C. ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m., will be:

S. J. Jordain, E. R. West, J. E. Hancock, A. Howell, J. R. Way, J. C. Dunbar, W. N. H. Murdock, S. J. Stanesby, F. T. Thomson, and G. Rankin.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY SECONDS TO PLAY Y.M.C.A.

The following will represent the University second eleven against the Y. M. C. A. "B" team on the King's Park ground, commencing at 5 p.m. this afternoon: A. A. Aziz (Capt.), G. E. Yeoh, F. Y. Khoo, A. B. Sulleman, F. I. Zimmern, S. C. Ho, N. P. Kohn, N. F. Lai, N. S. Lim, Chew Yen-fook and Foo Eng-keng.

Ladies' Hockey Club.

The following ladies have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club in a return match with the Kowloon British School Former Pupil's Association on Saturday at King's Park.—J. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. Bell, R. Baker, S. Weill, E. O'Hagen, M. Popo, C. Ferguson, F. Cousins, M. Wallace and B. Laing.

University Team.

The following will represent the University 1st eleven in a hockey match against the Y.M.C.A. "A" on March 12 at 5 p.m. at King's Park.—A. B. Sulleman, M. B. Osman, A. A. Rumjahn, G. S. Scully, K. T. Loke (Capt.), P. C. Lim, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gan, Y. C. Teh, C. W. Lam, and V. Enok.

KOWLOON—CLUB REPLAY.

BIG FIGHT IN SENIOR SHIELD SEMI-FINAL.

SEVERAL LEAGUE FIXTURES.

[By "Wanderer."]

Another attempt is to be made by the Kowloon and Hongkong football elevens to-morrow to decide which is to meet the Police in the final of the Hongkong Senior Shield Competition, and if the game reaches the standard of last week's drawn match, there is a definite promise of a capital game at Sookunpoo.

The Police did what was expected of them in eliminating the Royal Artillery, the latter team having suffered serious depletions by the furlough of Pulford and Trim.

Several league matches are down for decision in addition to the Senior Shield semi-final, including a match between the Chinese Athletic and the Club de Recreio.

The full list of fixtures, together with grounds, times of kick-off and officials appointed, is appended:

Senior Shield Semi-Final.

Kowloon v. H.K.F.C.—Sookunpoo, 4.15.—Referee: Capt. A. W. Austin; Linesmen, Messrs. Priestly and Cowan.

Senior League.

Recreio v. Chinese Ath.—Club, 4.30.—Mr. Gilbert.
Scots Guards v. K.O.S.B.—Chatham Road, 4.30.—Mr. Smith.
South China v. Police.—Caroline Hill, 4.30.—Mr. Smith.

Junior Division "A".

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon.—St. Joseph's, 3 p.m.—Mr. Lonsdale.
Recreio v. R.A. Res.—Recreio, 3 p.m.—Mr. Hutchins.

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The Shield Replay.

The Shield semi-final replay between the Club and Kowloon still gives cause for considerable speculation, though last Saturday's match demonstrated conclusively that the mainlanders are the cleverer of the two sides.

Kowloon will be at full strength for the game, no change having been made from the team which did so well last week. The Duncan-Kernick right wing play was one of the smartest examples of football seen in Hongkong for some time, and if they reproduce that form, the Club will not doubt where the chief danger lies.

The Club team has not come to hand, but we do not suppose that any radical change will be made from last Saturday's team. "Dal" Black gave a remarkable display at back, and his capital partnership with Bishop, which did more than anything else to break down the Kowloon attacks, is not likely to be disturbed.

The form of the two sides was made very clear last week, and Kowloon should win at the second attempt.

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The Recreio's Fall.

If the Club de Recreio were the team of a year ago, the match with the Chinese Athletic would give promise of a very lively affair. We are, however, afraid that they have fallen away considerably of late, and are not likely to hold the League leaders. Both sides have had a rest, and after being eliminated from the Senior Shield, and deprived of the International Charity Cup, the Chinese Athletic have some kudos to recover.

The Guards and the K.O.S.B. are both in the running for second place in the Senior League and the match to-morrow should more or less decide the issue. A rousing game may be expected.

The Police, considerably strengthened by recent acquisitions, should manage a victory at the expense of South China. The Police badly need the points. Their position at the foot of the table will be very secure unless they begin to win.

With the Juniors.

The match between St. Joseph's and Kowloon recalls a curious mistake by a referee. Kowloon played throughout the first half of the match with St. Joseph's with ten men, but in the second half an eleventh turned up and essayed to join his team. The referee would not permit him to play for some reason associated with an idea that a player could not complete a side after half-time. The match, which at the interval stood at 0-0, was won by St. Joseph's by 1-0. The League Management Committee ordered the game to be replayed and to-morrow's game is the result. St. Joseph's created a big surprise by defeating the K.O.S.B. last week; incidentally it was the first defeat inflicted on them since the battalion arrived in the Colony, and they are not expected to meet with more than a hard game in their efforts to prove that the previous result merited the balance of play.

The R.A. Reserves meet the Recreio Reserves and a win for the military men is indicated.

Charity Match.

A charity match between a combined team of the Club de Recreio and Chinese Athletic for the benefit of the Society St. Vincent de Paul is to be played on Sunday on the Club ground. The sides are strongly represented as follows:

Chinese Athletic and Recreio:—Pau Ka Ping; Lai Yuk Tat, Ng Kam Chuen; Lum Yuk Ying, Wong Shui Wa, Xavier; Chan Kwong Iu, Suen Kam Shun, Gosano, Rocha and Tso Kwai Shing.

Royal Navy:—Tomkins (Tern), McCormick (Carlisle), Apps, Carlisle). Leonard (Tamar), Cunliff (Seraph), Tooley (Ambrose); Jones (Peterel), Wilcox (Marazion), Northey (Ambrose), Lennard (Carlisle) and Jones (Seraph).

MACAO RACES.

[By "Rambler."]

A very interesting programme of flat racing has been mapped out for the sixth Extra Race Meeting of the Macao Race Club on Sunday.

There are eight events altogether and amongst these will be handicaps, Subscription griffin events and also a number of races for which conditions will specially favour the ponies who have raced regularly at Macao and have either not won or been placed.

Owing to the increased interest in the progress of racing at Macao by local "fans" and visitors from Hongkong, the Committee is expecting a large crowd to be present on Sunday, and, providing the weather is fine, good racing, exciting finishes and fair dividends should be the order of the day.

The condition of the ponies generally is all that could be desired and although no special performance can be reported, the performance of Chemal over one mile during the week in the very good time of 2 minutes and 10 seconds, last quarter in 30.1/5, is worthy of note. Other ponies who have done well are Warlordship, Veloz, Little Sit Tang, Wuchang, Fook Chau, Ma Kau Siac, Tap Siac, and Mowgli.

Hongkong riders will, as in the past, be well represented, and will doubtless give a very good account of themselves.

Several improvements have been effected in the pari-mutuel and cash sweep counters, which should be very comforting news to those lucky punters who continue to make use of this very interesting department of racing.

That fine steamer the Taishan will be on the run and will leave the Hongkong wharf at 9 a.m. sharp, returning at 5.30 p.m. from Macao. The Sui An will leave Hongkong at 8 a.m. and return from Macao at 4 p.m.

In making selections for the meeting, I find it is rather a difficult matter as I am unable to see the ponies beforehand. However, if the ponies do not all run as placed, they will doubtless run thereabouts. My forecasts are:

Race 1.
Little Sit Tang
Warlordship
Veloz

Race 2.
Cherry Brandy
Man of War
Hailo

Race 3.
Fook Chau
Wing Sin
Pitchfork

Race 4.
Chemal
Wild Fellow
Chow Tsze Lon

Race 5.
May
Hailo
Circe

Race 6.
Tap Siac
Cherry Brandy
Kwong Chow

Race 7.
Ma Kou Siac
U Un II.
Warlordship

Race 8.
Chow Tsze Lon
Mowgli
Waichow

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF $50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of $50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of $25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of $25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 10th.

DIVISION I.

Bolton	v	Arsenal.
Birmingham	v	Sheffield U.
Cardiff	v	Leicester.

DIVISION II.

Chelsea	v	Preston.
Grimsby	v	Notts Forest.
Reading	v	Manchester C.

DIVISION III.

Luton	v	Swindon.
Norwich	v	Plymouth.
Nelson	v	Lincoln.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie	v	Celtic.
Clyde	v	Queen's Park.
C'beath	v	Motherwell.

Name .....

Address .....

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No. 28. Date .....

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

MARK AND KEEP THIS DUPLICATE LIST. DO NOT FORWARD IT TO US. IT IS PRINTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE SO THAT YOU MAY KEEP A RECORD OF THE FORECASTS YOU HAVE SENT IN:

Bolton	v.	Arsenal.
Birmingham	v.	Sheffield U.
Cardiff	v.	Leicester.
Chelsea	v.	Preston.
Grimsby	v.	Notts Forest.
Reading	v.	Manchester C.
Luton	v.	Swindon.
Norwich	v.	Plymouth.
Nelson	v.	Lincoln.
Airdrie	v.	Celtic.
Clyde	v.	Queen's Park.
C'beath	v.	Motherwell.

David Herbert Matthews, the Homestead, Wem, Shropshire, was ordered to pay fines and costs totalling over £13, at Wem, for failing to stamp National Health and Unemployment Insurance cards belonging to two workmen. He had deducted the men's contributions weekly, and having failed to stamp their cards, he afterwards refused to hand them over. The chairman said that it was a very mean act.

The French airmen Costes and Le Brix have arrived from New York.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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LETTER GOLF.

D	O	Z	E
W	A	K	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

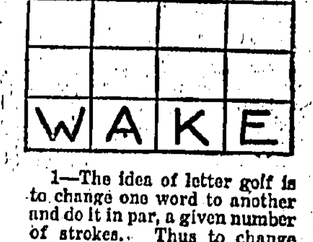
2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

The Duke of Northumberland, presiding at the North of England Steamship Owner's Association annual meeting in Newcastle-on-Tyne said that industries were being cripped in competition against the foreigner by the burden of taxation and rates. The Government, he said, was to blame to some extent, because it multiplied officials whose usefulness was somewhat problematical and caused local authorities to carry out costly schemes.



BOXING

(Hongkong Boxing Association)

THIRTY-NINTH TOURNAMENT.

EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY

10th MARCH

(9.15 p.m.)

LEE THEATRE

(Percival Street)

MID-WEEK FIXTURES.

Two League Games for Next Wednesday.

The League has fixed two league games to be played on Wednesday next. The fixtures, as far as the military teams are concerned, are well forward, but the civilian sides are likely to find themselves badly congested at the end of the season.

The matches arranged are:
K.O.S.B. v. Queen's.—Sookunpoo, 4.30.—Mr. Barber.
R.A. v. Scots Guards.—Chatham Road, 4.30.—Mr. Baldwin.

THE METAL BOX

By THOMAS COBB.

(Author of "False Pretences," "Mrs. Pomeroy's Reputation," &c.)

SYNOPSIS.

FOSTER MARKWELL, who travels periodically as ship's doctor, meets and admires THERESA FEVERSHAM—niece of ELIAS FEVERSHAM, an American millionaire newspaper proprietor—who has taken a flat in London for three months. Foster's aunt, MISS CROOM, asks him to take care of a small metal deed box, with instructions to give it to no one but herself. A few days later she is found murdered. The detectives find a yellow glove with a piece of cotton wool in a finger, from which they deduce that the owner has lost a finger tip. They also learn that Miss Croom had a smart, red-haired visitor earlier in the week, who gained admission by sending in a scrap of paper bearing the name Hillyard. Foster, being his aunt's sole heir, opens the box, and finds it filled with wonderful gems.

CHAPTER VIII. (Continued.)

No doubt, he told himself as he went out into the rain a little later, she assumed that her object was virtually achieved, though he speculated on the way to Upper Baker Street in the train, as to the intended procedure. It became more difficult than ever to believe she was working single-handed; there must be a confederate in the background. Perhaps he would show himself to-morrow. The assertion that Elias Feversham was her uncle, must necessarily be false—a fictitious guarantee of respectability. Her own name was probably quite different.

What was likely to happen when he reached Treadwell Mansion at half-past eleven on Wednesday morning? Without assistance she could scarcely expect to gain possession of the treasure, which she assumed he would be imbecile enough to bring.

On reaching his rooms, Foster Markwell was still weak enough to undergo moments of reaction, but they did not last long. Hard as it might be to believe she had been dissembling from the outset, it was more difficult to imagine she had acted in good faith. After to-morrow, however, no room would remain for doubt.

Before he went to bed that Tuesday night, long before he fell asleep, his plans were complete. Directly after breakfast he walked to Oxford Street, where he bought a black metal deed box of about the same size and shape as the one at the bank. Carrying it home, he looked round his room for something as a makeweight, finally choosing a pair of old shoetrees, which he packed with newspaper. He left the key conveniently in the lock, then made a neat parcel, and set forth with it at eleven.

From habit since his service in the Near East, he always carried a Browning pistol in his hip pocket, but whatever happened, he was not going to put up a fight to-day. It was true that the situation would prove embarrassing, if, owing to a concatenation of coincidences, he had condemned Theresa unjustly, but that possibility was negligible. As he reached the building, he grew more curious than ever to learn how he was to be dealt with, and making his way quickly up the stone stairs, with the box in his hand, he pressed the bell button. A moment later Theresa opened the door, and then the situation grew tense. It all happened very quickly. Her face was paler than he had ever seen it, and her forced smile of welcome struck him as ghastly.

Her voice also sounded unnatural. "Do go to the sitting-room," she said, as he shut the outer door, but for her own part hung behind till he had entered. As he crossed the threshold, the plush curtain which hung before the kitchen door was pushed aside, and Foster was confronted by the good-looking, red-headed man, who had bowed to Theresa at the Carlton. In his right hand was a revolver pointed at the visitor's face, though he smiled quite agreeably as if the affair were an excellent joke. Meanwhile there was no sign of Theresa.

"Good morning, Dr. Markwell," said her confederate. "Wouldn't you like to get rid of that box? You might put it on the table."

Without speaking, Foster did as he was told, though it would have proved a relief to express himself. What a fool the man must take him for.

"Thanks awfully, and now if you wouldn't mind putting your hands up, just as a precaution, you understand. Upon my word, I'm most frightfully sorry but it's really your own fault. He who steals what isn't his'n—you know. As a matter of fact you ought to feel grateful. Keep your hands up—thanks! It's fortunate for you I chose to take the law into my own hands."

Foster, standing uncomfortably with his hands above his head, with a reminiscence of the cinema, wondered what on earth his antagonist was hinting at. Of course, he was bluffing. In no circumstances would he be likely to shoot. There would be too much risk of being heard in the adjoining flats. Foster was clever with his hands and though the other was taller and heavier, he would not have hesitated to go for him, only that it would not have been in accordance with his plan.

"Well, if you've really nothing to say for yourself," cried the man with the revolver, "there's no need to detain you. Devilish uncomfortable holding your hands up—what? Suppose you clear out."

Foster had not spoken since he entered the room, and now facing about, he left it, looking about for Theresa in the small hall, and still seeing no sign of her. Her confederate, however, still with the revolver in his hand, followed Foster to the outer door, standing there till his victim reached the stairs and passed out of view.

On the way down, Foster laughed, though rather grimly. He felt wretched enough, but still found it difficult to keep a straight face, as he imagined the pair of conspirators opening the box. They would impatiently cut the string, tear off the brown paper, and probably feel surprised to see the key in the lock, also to find the box was new. They would raise the lid—tableau!

Those two must obviously be on the most intimate terms, and on the whole Foster came to the conclusion that his wisest course would be to get away from England at the earliest opportunity. He would lose no time in going to the city offices of the Yellow Funnel Line.

There were one or two things that perplexed him as he sat smoking his pipe after dinner that Wednesday evening. What had the blighter meant by his hint at stealing, by the suggestion that Foster ought to be grateful, inasmuch as he was taking the law into his own hands?

And, again, how was it that neither Theresa nor her confederate had been afraid of an appeal to the police? There had been nothing to prevent their victim from going at once to the nearest station, and effecting an arrest before they could hope to get away with the swag. They appeared to have counted on his own prompt surrender as if they believed him to be a poltroon as well as an idiot. On the whole, Foster came to the conclusion that there was still something to be explained.

CHAPTER IX.

MONICA EXPLAINS.

On Sunday afternoon Foster Markwell was leaning back in the most comfortable easy chair in his sitting-room, with a pipe between his lips, reading the paper, when Mrs. Hutchings opened the door to say that Miss Railton wished to see him.

He was not in a cheerful mood. He had gone to the city on Thursday but had not as yet heard of a ship, and was thinking of making an application to some other line unless something turned up soon.

For a moment he could not identify "Miss Railton," but then he remembered the primroses "with love and fondest memories from Monica Railton."

What impressed him as she entered the room was her peculiar self-possession. Her age must be about the same as Theresa's, but she was an inch or two taller, with a plumper figure and dark brown hair, though little of it could be seen beneath her bell-shaped hat, slightly on one side. She wore a double-breasted thick blue coat, and Foster noticed that one of the buttons was missing. Monica had good features, rather large perhaps, as were her hands, encased in white cotton gloves which might have been cleaner.

"I don't know whether you recollect me, Dr. Markwell," she said, as Foster held out his hand.

"Quite well," he answered. "I had the pleasure of being introduced to you one Sunday afternoon at Baynton Crescent—it must have been more than two years ago."

He invited her to sit down, whereupon she explained that she had stayed with Miss Croom for some months after she lost her father.

"I'm at the Secretarial Bureau in Barrington Street, Holborn," Monica continued. "I had to go to Brighton to do some typing for Mr. Rufus Cartmell, the novelist. I daresay you know the name. I started on Friday the Eleventh and I was horrified to read of the murder in the train. I only got back yesterday and rang up Mr. Oliphant for your address. I wanted so much to hear what you had done with the house."

"The landlord took it off my hands," said Foster. "And the furniture was sold by auction."

"There was," cried Monica, "an old metal box in Miss Croom's wardrobe—"

Foster started impetuously to his feet.

"What in the world do you know about it?" he demanded.

"It can't matter now Miss Croom's dead," was the answer. "It was one afternoon last January twelvemonth, and she had met me in town. We took the tube to Belsize Park, and as we came out a man stopped in front of her. I thought she was going to faint. He was about her own age, or a little younger, and looked as if he had something to do with horses. His name was Hillyard, and he called Miss Croom 'Evelyn.'"

"Hillyard?" cried Foster, remembering his conversation with Sergeant Galloway after the inquest, when he explained that a man had gone to Baynton Crescent on the Monday before the crime, and sent in that name scribbled on a scrap of paper.

"You've heard of him?" said Monica.

"Suppose," urged Foster, "you finish your story first."

"He walked as far as the gate," Monica continued, "and I dropped behind, but he didn't enter the house. Miss Croom wouldn't come down to dinner, so I went to her room at ten o'clock. At first she could scarcely speak for sobbing, but I fancy she longed to talk to someone, and it was late before we went to bed that night. She opened her heart to me, Dr. Markwell! She hadn't seen Mr. Hillyard for years—more than twenty years—and none of her people knew of his existence. She seemed rather—rather ashamed to tell me she had—oh well, she had just picked him up, if you know what I mean."

"Good Lord!" muttered Foster.

"They had met again and again, though he could never have been quite—quite—. Still, she had evidently been ever so fond of him, and it was a wee bit tantalizing. She seemed to be going to say why she hadn't married him, but pulled herself up short. Anyhow, he came to see her a second time a week later," said Monica, "and I felt certain she had given him a cheque."

"Where does the metal box come in?" suggested Foster.

"That was a fortnight later," replied Monica. "The maid had gone to bed, and when the bell rang I went to the door with Miss Croom. She opened it a couple of inches without taking down the chain. But as soon as the name of Hillyard was mentioned she opened it wide. A little old man stood on the step, round-backed, very dirty-looking, with a deed box under his arm. He said that Mr. Hillyard had been suddenly summoned to America and wanted Miss Croom to take charge of some very important papers till he returned. She was not on any account to part with them to anyone but himself."

It was difficult to realise that the sedate, circumspect little woman could ever have been concerned in a clandestine, and apparently deplorable love affair, at any period of her life, though on the other hand Foster had no doubt that Monica was telling the truth as far as she knew it. He wished she had known a little more. What had been the end of the affair? How far had it been carried?

"When the old man had gone," said Monica. "Miss Croom took the box upstairs. I saw her put it in her wardrobe. I've often wondered what it really contained."

"Jewellery," Foster astonished her by answering. "A wonderful collection. Diamonds, rubies, pearls. My aunt handed them over to me two days before her death. I assumed that my grandfather had brought them from India."

"And that they belonged to you—"

"Obviously, they don't," said Foster.

"Dr. Markwell," cried Monica, "I'm afraid I've caused you a tremendous disappointment."

(To be Continued).

(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

SPAIN AND BRAZIL.

LEAGUE SEEKS TO REGAIN THEIR ADHESION.

Geneva, Mar. 8.

The League Council has adopted a suggestion that the President communicate with Spain and Brazil and ask if their reasons for leaving the League still existed, stressing the great importance of their collaboration.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

D	O	Z	E
D	A	Z	E
R	A	Z	E
R	A	K	E
W	A	K	E

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended March 9th, 1907.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2.9/16d.

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Hongkong shareholders of the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company met and approved of registration of the Company as a limited liability concern, and also petitioned that the management be vested in merchants as well as officials.

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Dr. Wu Ting-fang and Mr. W. Danby, engineer, met the Viceroy at Canton on the question of building a bridge across the Canton River.

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Mr. Warre returned the best card in the Captain's Cup golf competition, Dr. G. M. Harston being next.

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At the half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., considerable discussion took place on Mr. A. Rumjahn's withdrawal of his offer to lease the Hotel buildings.

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Under the auspices of the Scottish Masonic Quadrille Association, a regalia dance took place in the City Hall.

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

BEBE DANIELS—A BUSINESS WOMAN.

In a business sense how can motion picture artists be classified?

The average reply will be, "They can't." And possibly his answer is justified. All that is necessary is to look over the nearly penniless actors who have been making enormous salaries for several years.

There are exceptions. Ruth Roland, for example, made herself more famous with her real estate deals than with her work on the silver screen. And now Bebe Daniels is making a bid for Miss Roland's position as Hollywood's leading business woman.

Bebe is always spending her money in such a way that it will return and bring a few offsprings. Her latest endeavour is a circulating library. She is now constructing the building of her own design in the exclusive residential section of Beverly Hills, the real film centre.

"As soon as the building is finished, I am going to fill the shelves with books of my own selection," declares the actress. "Of course, we will charge a fee for the use of books but it will not be any more than the amount charged by the other private circulating libraries where the latest novels are featured.

"One might think that film folk would not be good customers for a library—that they would buy the books they want. But they don't. They don't spend their money on things of that sort."

Miss Daniels' library is only the latest of her long string of business enterprise. When she first started her business career, Bebe followed in the footsteps of Ruth Roland and bought choice business sites in Hollywood and Beverly Hills. The investments proved profitable so she went ahead and bought more property. It wasn't long before she had a good many lots on her hands that weren't bringing in any income. So she began building houses on them. Now her rents bring her a good income.

CHINA'S TARIFFS.

JAPANESE OPPOSE ALL INCREASE.

Osaka, Mar. 8.

The representatives of the leading trade associations of Osaka, Kobe and other cities have approved a resolution opposing Chinese tariff autonomy or proposed interim measures to increase the customs revenue, upon the ground that it will merely help the Chinese warlords continue their civil wars.

The resolution contends that the Governments of north and south China must unite to ask the Powers to re-open the Tariff Conference.

The resolution declares that the Peking Government's procedure is a breach of treaty.

The *Asahi*, taking up the matter editorially, urges the closest vigilance of Peking's activities looking to tariff autonomy. The paper recommends that Japan should take proper steps before it is too late. —*Reuter.*

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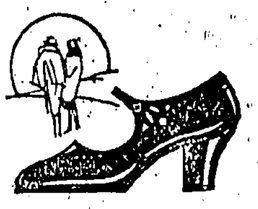

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $1225 b.
Chartered Bank, £21¼ b.
Mercantile A. & B., £32⅞ n.
P. and O. £10 n.
East Asia, $70 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $662½ b.
Union Ins., $330 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtsze Ins., $46½ b.
China Underwriters, $2.20 b.
China Fires, $215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., $725 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, $41½ b.
H. K. Steamboats, $27½ b.
H. K. Tugs, $2.80 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) $35 sa.
Shell Trans., 8/- n.
Union Waterboats, $20 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, $2½ n.
Kailans, 66/- n.
Langkats, Tls. $18½ s.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Raubs, $4½ b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $142 b.
Whampoa Docks, $48½ n.
China Providents $6½ b.
Hongkews, Tls. 164 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4.70 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 99 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 9.20 sa.
Orientals, Tls. 2.15 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $9½ s.
H. K. Lands, $66½ sa.
S'hai Lands Tls. $131 b.
Humphreys, $14½ b.
Realties, $8.90 b.
Territorials, $1½ n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $26½ b.
Peak Trams, (old) $12 sa.
Star Ferries, $65 sa.
China Lights, (Comb.) $18½ b.
H'kong Electrics, $74½ b.
Macao Electrics, $21 b.
Telephones $4.45 b.
China Buses, Tls. 6½ n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, $10 50 b.
Malabons, $27½ n.
Canton Ices, $4 b.
Cements (Comb.) $12.65 s.
Ropes (Old) $9.40 s.
United Asbestos $10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, $22.10 b.
Watsons, $12.60 b.
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Lane Crawfords, $3½ n.
Mackintosh, $22 s.
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Amusements, $29½ b.
Constructions, $1½ n.
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H. K. G. Loan, 6% Prer.

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Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling .....£ 6,000,000
Silver $14,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1928.

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FOR THE HONGKONG SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
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Hongkong, 18th February, 1927.

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Reserve Fund .....Guilders 40,000,000.- (£3,333,333.)
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Hongkong, 30th July 1927.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI,
Manager.

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Authorized Capital $10,000,000
Paid-up Capital ..... $ 5,000,000
Reserve Fund (1926) ..... $ 1,200,000
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

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A. ROLLIN,
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1928.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	Jun. 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jun. 20	Jun. 23	Jun. 26	Jun. 29	July 8
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 19
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OBITUARY.

MR. DAVID EVANS.

The death occurred on Wednesday at the Kowloon Hospital of Mr. David Evans, Manager of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

The late Mr. Evans arrived in the Colony about a year ago when he took up his work with the N.A.A.F.I. Being of a cheery disposition he soon made himself a very popular figure among those who visited the Institute from time to time.

Mr. Evans was suddenly taken ill towards the end of last month and on February 29 was removed from Harbour View, where he lived, to the Kowloon Hospital. He was then suffering from pneumonia which, it is believed, he contracted during the treacherous weather of a fortnight ago. His condition gradually grew worse and he passed away on Wednesday last, shortly after midday. He was 41 years of age.

A widower, the late Mr. Evans leaves behind him a little girl of four, who is at present with her aunt in Dorsetshire. To the relatives the sympathy of many friends will be extended. Mrs. Evans died in France in 1925.

A particularly touching feature of Mr. Evans' death is the fact that he was due to return Home at the end of this month, he having arranged, it is learned, to sail by the Mantua which leaves the Colony on March 31. His relief at the N.A.A.F.I. is expected here in a few days.

The Funeral.

The funeral took place yesterday, the cortege leaving Blake Pier at 3.30 p.m. sharp. There were a good many friends at the funeral and many floral tributes were sent. The remains were interred in the Protestant Cemetery, the Revd. G. T. Waldegrave officiating at the graveside.

Wreaths were sent by the following.—Betty, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bird, Major and Mrs. H. A. Westerndarp, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Labrum, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ruttonjee, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Labrum, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Woods.

Mr. A. McKirdy, Mr. S. H. Langston, Mr. S. Seagre, Mr. E. E. Mimmack, Mr. A. Ogilvie, Mr. D. M. Goodall, Mr. J. G. Mitchell, Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, Mr. A. J. Wake, Mr. W. G. Williams, Mr. H. A. Pearson, Mr. W. McIntyre, Miss A. Garcia, Miss Jenny Whyte, Miss M. M. Butterfield, Miss O. Barretto.

Residents of Harbour View, English Staff N.A.A.F.I. Institutes at Bowen Road, Wellington, Victoria, Mount Austin and Murray barracks. Messrs. Lamment Bros., Messrs. Ruttonjee and Sons, Office Staff, N.A.A.F.I., Mr. C. Ah Ying and K. P. C. Ah Ying and Chinese friends. Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Messrs. Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte and from all institute employees.

Wreaths were also received from Major Hurford Tatlow and N.A.A.F.I. staff of the Shanghai Defence Force, as well as from the Headquarters of N.A.A.F.I., Imperial Court, London. The staff of the H.M.S. Argus also sent a wreath.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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(HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE).

From AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN and GENOA.

The Steamship,
"SALABANGKA"
having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., when and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th March, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th March, 1928, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
General Agents.
Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1928.

THE RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Brothers report under yesterday's date:

The rubber market has again been erratic, with the result that it has remained in a somewhat nervous condition.

It would appear that rumours of the Dutch coming in to restriction were responsible for some of the rises experienced, but "shorts" covering likewise caused temporary strengthening of the market.

It can hardly be doubted that a biggish movement will occur one way or the other in time—when the findings of the Committee are disclosed—and this opinion is reflected in the growing interest in options.

Towards the close of last week a large number of buyers for cheap rubber shares appeared on the market, with however, very few declared sellers at present quotations. We append herewith the latest quotations and dividends declared:

Quotations.

Allenbys	$2.20
Glenealys	1.95
Jimahs	1.80
Kedahs	3.20
Lunas	2.25
Malaka Pindas	1.80
Pajams	1.80

Dividends.

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Ayer Moleks 10% final, mkg. 20%.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th March or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1928.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

CHIANG CHIEF OF CENTRAL POLITICAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, Mar. 8.

A Nanking message of March 5 says: The Central Political Council yesterday morning passed a resolution appointing Marshal Chiang Kai-shek as chairman of the Council.

It also appointed Li Chai-sum to be chairman of the Kwangtung division of the Council, and similarly Li Chung-yen for Wuhan, Feng Yu-hsiang for Kaifeng, and Yen Hsi-shan for Taiyuan.—*Reuter.*

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"CALCHAS"	1st May Marlos, London, R'dam & Hamburg

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"POLYPHEMUS"	1st Apr. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"BELLEROPHON"	20th Apr. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"ORESTES"	20th May Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"MERIONES"	20th Jun. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

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"AENEAS"	3rd April ...	Singapore, Marseilles & London
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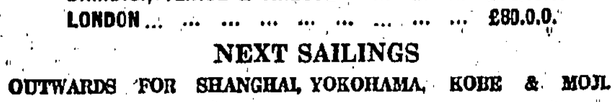

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YING WA SCHOOL.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAY.

The annual speech day for pupils attending the Ying Wa Girls' School was held in the hall of the Hop Yat Church, Bonham Road, yesterday evening, when Mrs. Luard distributed certificates won by pupils during the year. Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools, presided.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the school hymn, after which Miss Hutchinson the headmistress read the annual report.

The headmistress, in her annual report, said.—The year 1927 will always stand out as a memorable year in the annals of the Ying Wa Girls' School, for it has seen the erection of our new school building. For many years the school has been like a child who has long outgrown her clothes. Every available inch of room has been utilised, yet still the old building has been insufficient and the need for new premises more and more imperative.

The site for a new building was given by the London Missionary Society, and plans were under discussion more than ten years ago, but one set-back and another made it impossible to carry them out. In 1924, a committee was formed consisting of business men who undertook to collect funds for a new building. Then came the strike and boycott of 1925, and before arrangements had been completed this committee ceased to function.

In 1926, it was decided to use the funds at our disposal for a building smaller than we had hoped for but which would give the classroom accommodation that was so urgently needed, and immediately after Chinese New Year in 1927 building operations commenced. Throughout the year we have had the joy of watching the new building growing step by step until now it is very nearly completed.

The Building Scheme.

This evening is not the time to give any detailed account of the building scheme. That will be done when the time comes for the opening ceremony. But the teachers and the girls of 1927 have taken such a share in bringing the scheme to a successful issue that it is only fitting that a brief account of what they have done should be given to-night.

Early in the summer, the suggestion came from some of the members of the Old Girls' Society that something should be done to help forward the building scheme. Their committee passed a resolution that they would be ready to join in any scheme that the Mother School might decide upon. The teachers as a body expressed their readiness to support the suggestion, and we learned that some of the gentlemen who had been members of the Committee of 1924 were still most sympathetic and willing to help.

Accordingly, a new Committee was formed, with a view to collecting upwards of $20,000. This Committee was an advisory and determinative body, while the actual spade work in the preparation of subscription books, etc., was done by our own teachers. It was decided that the members of the Committee, together with certain friends who promised to support the scheme, the teachers and the old girls should collect first, and this financial campaign was embarked upon in August.

Splendid Response.

In September, when school reopened after the summer holidays, an opportunity was given to the present students to help too. Their response was splendid. They set to work with a will, and divided the school into eight teams, each consisting of twenty seven girls, and each with its leader and assistant leader. Each group of three girls became responsible for one subscription book.

The girls decided to make their effort in October, and asked that during that month school might be held from 8.30 to 1.30 daily. In this way it was possible to cover almost the entire timetable, and they were able to give their minds to lessons in the morning and to collecting in the afternoon. We much appreciated the measure in which parents co-operated with us by making it possible for girls to get to school at this earlier hour.

Financial Campaign.

The results of the financial campaign have been very encouraging. Up to the present some $24,000 has been collected; of this, the girls have raised about $6,000; the old students some $3,000; the members of the Committee and friends some $5,000 and $10,000 was collected by the late Dr. Wan Mankai from Mr. Tsoi Kung-po, who has recently passed away.

This last was given on condition that one room be set apart in memory of the donor's wife, and we decided that the best use of this gift would be to complete the third storey of our original plan. This will give us an Assembly Hall as the top storey of our new building, thus fulfilling a long-felt need. For as the school has grown, we have become increasingly conscious of the lack of a room in which the whole school might meet together.

The chairman congratulated Miss. Hutchinson and the pupils on the wonderful advancement made during the year, and on the fact that passes in the Junior Local examinations were 100 per cent. It was the first time in the history of vernacular schools that students had been entered for the Hongkong University, and that record was unique. He would urge those students to study for the matriculation examination, and he felt sure they would succeed.

He continued, speaking in Chinese, to urge the girls to continue their studies in the middle school division, where they could acquire a good knowledge of English. The value of such knowledge was twofold. Firstly, because it helped to develop one's intelligence in a manner in which Chinese failed, and secondly, because one could acquire a first-hand knowledge of modern science and art from English books. By a knowledge of English they could understand Chinese better, as they could read up a subject from an English book far more easily than from a Chinese book.

Mrs. Luard than handed the certificates to the successful pupils, after which she offered her congratulations both on the excellence of the report and the success of the students, and urged them to keep up the high standard they had set.

Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., addressed the gathering in Chinese.

Then followed the singing of the school song, after which an enjoyable concert was given by the pupils.

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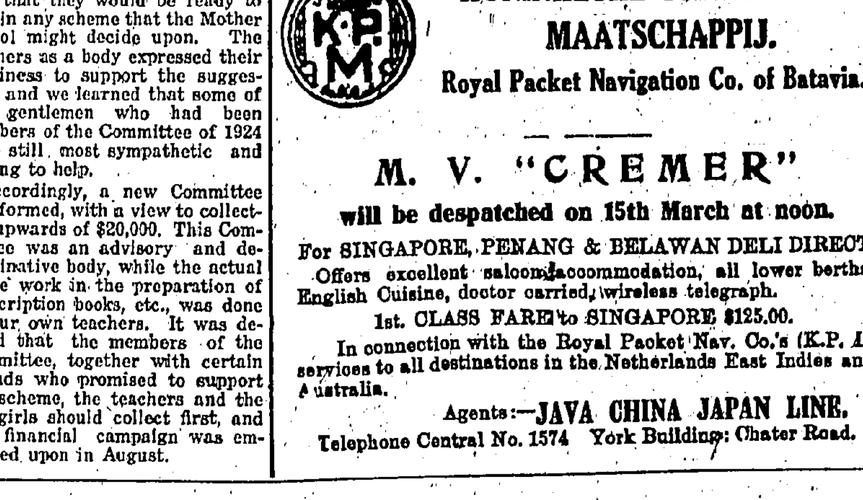

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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
†NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
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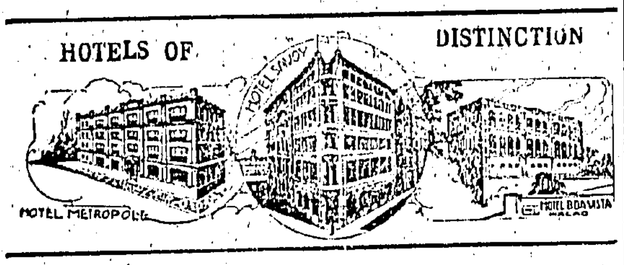

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FALSE VOUCHERS?

Pau Tat-shing, a clerk, of Queen's College, appeared before Major C. Willson this morning in connexion with six charges of alleged attempts to defraud the Education Department. It is alleged that the defendant obtained money by falsely purporting that certain vouchers were true, whereas they were false.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, who appeared for the defendant, asked his Worship to adjourn the hearing until Thursday if possible. In doing so, he explained that he had made arrangements to see the Director of Education in regard to the case, but had not yet had that opportunity.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P., who appeared for the prosecution, intimated that he had no objection to a remand.

Mr. D'Almada then applied for bail on behalf of the defendant. He mentioned that the defendant was in a position to raise $500.

Mr. Perdue objected to bail at the figure named, but indicated $2,500. He added that there were three very serious charges, all of which were indictable offences. The charges arose out of defendant's actions extending over a period of ten months.

His Worship adjourned the case until Thursday at 2.15 p.m. granting bail of $2,500.

KEEPING ABREAST WITH TIMES.

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Close reconnaissance, however, especially in country affording some cover, had still to be done by troops capable of speedy and silent movement over difficult ground and in the face of opposition.

The problem in considering the future of cavalry was to produce a force capable of carrying out the old accepted role of gaining information and affording security in the face of modern weapons to such an extent as these requirements could not be met by use of aircraft.

Still Indispensable.

British calvalry had to be ready to play its part, whether in Europe or elsewhere, under widely different conditions. It was proposed that in each division two cavalry regiments should exchange their horses for armoured cars. When this was done a cavalry division would consist of two cavalry brigades and two regiments which would be converted into armoured car regiments but which would retain intact their titles, privileges, precedences and identity as regiments of the corps of cavalry of the line.

He believed, by carrying out this policy, they would have made the best use of modern machines to enable the cavalry to fill the role for which, at least, in some countries they were still indispensable.

Mechanising Artillery.

With artillery, said the Minister, the difficulties were not so great. Heavy and medium artillery was being mechanised entirely. Two brigades of the Field Artillery were mechanised. Some batteries were tractor drawn and one battery was mounted in self-propelled vehicles. The rest of artillery was still horse drawn.

They had taken money in the Estimates for mechanising one additional field brigade for further experiments. He intended to pursue the policy of converting horse-drawn into mechanical units as soon as money was available.

The Royal Horse Artillery and the Light Artillery would remain for the present with horses and mules.

War Office Alert.

The War Office was determined to utilise fully the inventions which had proved useful in civil life, but they had to adapt them to millitary uses and they had to adapt the army with its ancient traditions and historic regiments with their invaluable esprit de corps to the new conditions.—*British Wireless.*

Estimates Agreed.

London, Mar. 8.

A labour motion to reduce the personnel of the Army by 50,000 was rejected by 189 votes to 20. The Estimates were agreed to,—*Reuter.*

GRIM LAICHIKOK MURDER.

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the deceased went out quite often dressed like that.

That was the last time that the deceased was seen alive, continued Mr. Whyte-Smith, or at least as far as the evidence of the Crown went.

Now the question was, proceeded the prosecutor, what was the accused doing in the interval? There was evidence that at 7.30 p.m. he was seen walking behind the deceased. The foreman of the reclamation contractors would say that he knew most of the watchmen well and he would further tell the Court that sometime between 7.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. he was awakened and found the accused at his shed.

Wanted Knife Sharpened.

The Indian watchmen, said Mr. Whyte-Smith, often went to this man's shed to sharpen knives as he had a grindstone on the premises. When he saw the accused, he asked what he wanted and Sandogar Singh replied that he wished to sharpen a knife.

The foreman asked if he intended killing a goat, and, if so, to give him the head, but the accused did not reply and the foreman returned to bed again, later hearing the sounds of a knife being sharpened.

The following day, to go a little in advance, said Mr. Whyte-Smith, it was found that a chopper which had been kept in the kitchen of the watchmen's quarters was missing. The accused and the deceased were due to go on duty again that night, but neither of them appeared.

Body Found.

A search was instituted and at 1.30 a.m. the deceased was found lying in the open space about 35 yards in front of the row of stalls. He was found lying on his face and had a several severe gashes on his head and face.

The accused was not found that night, but at 6.20 a.m. the following day he was seen at the Kowloon Railway Station buying a ticket. He was seen to go to the ticket office and ask for a single ticket for Sum Chun.

The accused, proceeded Mr. Whyte-Smith, was a man who was on monthly agreement with the Standard Oil Company and there would be evidence that he knew that he was required to give a month's notice before leaving his employment. It might also be mentioned that he had owing to him his pay for 18 days of that month. He had had no permission to go away, nor had he any leave of absence.

He was to have been on duty until 6 a.m. but he had not appeared for duty and he was found at the Kowloon Railway Station at 6.20 a.m. with a single ticket to a place in Chinese territory and was also in possession of a passport.

He was arrested and on his trousers, which formed part of his uniform, and his overcoat, were stains, which the Government bacteriologist would say were stains of human blood. His tunic was found on his bed and on this there were also traces of human blood.

Lay in Wait?

The accused must have gone back to his quarters on at least two occasions. He must have gone back to get the chopper which was kept in the kitchen which could be entered without going through the quarters. The case for the Crown was that after taking the chopper he had it sharpened and then laid in wait for the deceased, possibly expecting that he would come out again.

After having murdered the deceased, the Crown alleged that the accused must have gone back to his quarters and then changed his clothes. There was no evidence that he was seen going back to the quarters, although there were two other watchmen there at the time. All the men had been drinking and these two were probably sound asleep when the accused returned.

The chopper had not been found, and it was probably or at least possible that it had been thrown into the sea.

Knew Nothing.

When charged with the murder of Jeta Singh, the accused made a statement to the effect that he had taken drink and knew nothing.

"Both men had been drinking," concluded Mr. Whyte-Smith, "and it seems that drunken friendliness had changed to drunken enmity, culminating in the murder of Jeta Singh. It was deliberate murder, as the sharpening of the chopper points to premeditation."

The case is being continued through this afternoon.

Paris, Feb. 2.—According to messages from Moscow, an epidemic of influenza is raging in that city. In the first fortnight of January, there were over 18,000 cases, and fresh cases are being notified at the rate of 2,000 a week.

NO ANTI-BRITISH SLOGANS.

CANTON GOVERNMENT ISSUES STRICT ORDERS.

OFFENSIVE POSTERS.

A report from Canton states that the Government has ordered the removal of all anti-British slogans and catchwords, either written on paper and posted on walls in the streets, or painted on the walls of the city.

In an order to the Chief of Police regarding these slogans, the Government declares that as a result of the recent "Red" reign in Canton, anti-British posters were lavishly displayed in the thoroughfares, and in many cases they were posted on the steamer wharves and even on some of the river steamers.

The order continues:—"It is the view of the Government that these slogans are Communistic and therefore the Public Safety Bureau should inform all Police Sub-Stations to send men all over the city to wash out such slogans. Furthermore, the heads of the Sub-Stations will be held responsible should there be any reappearance of these slogans in the future."

PHILIPPINE PAPER MONEY.

FEARED CONFUSION WITH U.S. NOTES.

Washington, Mar. 4.

Governor General Stimson, of the Philippines, has been requested to give consideration to a suggestion by the Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Mellon, that Philippine currency designs be changed so as to eliminate the possibility of confusion with the new United States paper money which is to be issued early next year.

The Philippine currency is approximately the same size as the newly adopted United States currency, and the location of the portraits of Presidents Washington and McKinley on the insular bills are such that the two currencies might be confused.

Mr. Mellon has suggested that portraits on the island bills be that they be substituted for others.

AMERICAN AERIAL DISASTER.

FIVE KILLED IN AEROPLANE CRASH.

San Diego, Mar. 4.

Five men were killed here to-day by the crash of a privately owned aeroplane, which fell 3,000 feet.

The dead are:—W. W. Bird, builder and pilot of the craft; Chester S. Kidwell, of Ocean Beach; Ralph Craig, of Coronado; Irvin Thomas, of San Diego, and a man not yet identified.—*Associated Press.*

ANOTHER GOODWILL FLIGHT.

U. S. AVIATOR COMING TO THE EAST.

Washington, Mar. 4.

Col.-Arthur Goebel, winner of the Dole flight to Hawaii last summer, arrived here to-day, completing the first lap of a goodwill flight to the Orient.

Goebel proposes to fly across the Continent to San Francisco and then ship his plane to Japan.

He is being accompanied on the flight by Ernest Robinson, vice president of the Fairchild Aviation Corporation.—*Associated Press.*

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The weather report of the Royal Observatory states:—A weak anticyclone has formed over China and a depression covers the Loochoos. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the South East Coast and over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—North and North-east winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. At Radburn, New Jersey, U.S.A. 2. At the corner of Waterloo-road and York-road, which was the rendezvous for unemployed variety artists. 3. That £50,000 in gold was hidden there by John Barke-stead, Lieutenant of the Tower under Cromwell. 4. The Tudor palace of Edward VI. at Enfield. 5. 10,750. 6. At Oslo, Norway. 7. In Peking. 8. Near Godmersham Park, East Kent; the Roman soldier, Julii Laberius, who was slain in battle with the Britons. 9. In Trinity-square, Southwark. 10. In the Wieliczka salt mines at Cracow. 11. Character in Anglo-Saxon poem, hero of the epic fight with the man-beast, Grendel. 12. That it was brewed in Babylon 7,000 B.C.

HERE HE IS AGAIN!—

The Charlie of "Shoulder Arms," "Pay Day" and "The Pilgrim" in the funniest film he has ever produced!—

Charlie Chaplin
In
THE CIRCUS
A
UNITED ARTISTS PICTURE

The thumping, bumping little man with the trick derby and cane, the wriggling moustache and the famous boots in the supreme comedy of the screen.

AT THE
QUEEN'S TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
SPECIAL PRICES

CRASH!

A swift racing car—a desperate hand at the wheel—a plunge over the bridge—and then drama of an unusual kind!

DRUSILLA WITH A MILLION

with
PRISCILLA BONNER
MARY CARR
KENNETH HARLAN

Romance and comedy in the charming tale of a poor-house inmate's huge inheritance.

Based on the popular story by Elizabeth Cooper.

AT THE
WORLD TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
Orchestra 5.15 & 9.20. Interpreter 2.30 & 7.15.

The amusing story of city crooks who were fleeced by country confidence tricksters—

DOLORES COSTELLO
In
THE LITTLE IRISH GIRL
With
JOHN HARRON

A lively story with a surprise ending.

AT THE
STAR TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
Continuous 2.30 to 11.15.